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The Indian government tells Prime Minister Stephen Harper it's concerned about a 'revival of anti-India rhetoric in Canada' PAGE 16

Ford gets A for attendance?

Despite drawing criticism for a football-related absence, Mayor Rob Ford has a better council-attendance record than David Miller PAGE 4

Nerds do it better ... in Canada

The Big Bang Theory's Mayim Bialik is a real-life neuroscientist, but even she can't figure out why the show is so popular in this country. "Maybe people are more inclined to like nerdy people in Canada" is her guess PAGE 27



U.S. President Barack Obama after win: 'WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER'

Supporters of U.S. President Barack Obama cheer after networks project Obama as re-elected during the Obama Election Night watch party at McCormick Place Tuesday night in Chicago, Ill. Obama won the race against Republican candidate, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney. The President took to Twitter to thank his supporters, saying, "We're all in this together. That's how we campaigned." For the story, see pages 10 and 12. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

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Schertzer case

Don't send ex-drug cop to jail, lawyer urges

The former boss of an elite Toronto drug squad who has an "exemplary" service record should be spared jail despite being convicted of attempting to obstruct justice, his lawyer says.

Retired Det.-Sgt. John Schertzer and four former subordinates were found guilty of doctoring their notes to cover up their 1998 search of a heroin dealer's apartment before they had obtained a warrant.

For Schertzer, it was "a one-off transgression in an otherwise exemplary career," Alan Gold told Ontario Superior Court Justice Gladys Pardu at the five defendants' sentencing hearing Tuesday.

Gold said prison would expose Schertzer, 54, to harm from gang-affiliated inmates. The lawyer suggested a discharge or suspended sentence. Any jail time, if imposed, should be short, he added.

Schertzer headed the elite Team 3 of the Central Field Command drug squad in the late 1990s, which laid hundreds of charges.

In June, a jury convicted Schertzer and Steven Correia, 45; Ned Maodus, 49; Joseph Miched, 54; and Raymond Pollard, 48, of attempting to obstruct justice.

Correia, Pollard and Maodus were also found guilty of perjury.

The Crown has asked Pardu to sentence Schertzer to four years, and the others three. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



John Schertzer
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TTC CEO Andy Byford says he was "not happy" to discover paying customers had been thrown off a bus that was diverted to pick up the mayor's football players and he apologized for the inconvenience. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'I thought he was asking me for a bus'

TTC. Transit head Byford says he believed mayor had requested transport for football team in earlier call

TTC head Andy Byford says he held a brief, "garbled" conversation with Mayor Rob Ford last Thursday in which he believed the mayor was asking for a TTC bus.

"I was very clear. I said to him, because I thought he was asking me for a bus, there was no way I was providing a TTC bus," Byford said at a press conference Tuesday.

Because of the apparent wind, Byford said it was difficult to understand what Ford was talking about. He said he called transit control asking for the number of a school-bus provider to give Ford instead.

Union boss speaks

- TTC workers' union president Bob Kinnear says the mayor and any other elected official shouldn't have a direct line to Byford.
- "It's completely inappropriate for the mayor of the city to be calling the ... CEO of the TTC," he said. "Something does need to be added to say that elected officials don't use their influence."

After speaking to his staff, Byford realized that Toronto police had requested a bus for the Don Bosco high school team Ford coaches. He later learned two buses were dispatched by the TTC's transit control centre. The first bus, the 36 Finch

West, left 50 TTC riders on the sidewalk to go get Ford's football players. When it initially couldn't find the school, the TTC sent a second bus off the 46 Martin Grove route.

The TTC chief was at city hall discussing a transit item before council — from which Ford was partially absent to attend the game when he called from the football field at Father Henry Carr high school.

Shortly after speaking with the mayor, Byford said he received a voice mail from Ford expressing concern that a bus requested by police had not arrived. "I think he thought I knew buses had been called," Byford said.

After reviewing the TTC's protocols around shelter buses, Byford said he isn't recommending any further authority be required to dispatch them.

Though Byford originally maintained he had only spoken

with Ford following the voice mail, he said he told reporters about the earlier call out of "completeness."

Ford spokesperson George Christopoulos said police had ordered the bus prior to the mayor's first call — one his administration has said was not personal. "The mayor did not ask for a bus. He asked about the bus," Christopoulos said.

Police Supt. Ron Taverner told reporters he stands by an unidentified sergeant's decision to call for the bus, citing fears of confrontation between the Don Bosco and Henry Carr teams that originated from a game two weeks earlier.

But Toronto Catholic District School Board spokesperson John Yan said school administrators' main concern was "severe" weather conditions on a cold, rainy Thursday, not a potential confrontation.

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Despite football, Ford beats Miller in council attendance

Surprise. Ford's football-related absences may make headlines, but Miller missed three times as many meetings

Mayor Rob Ford has a better council attendance record than former mayor David Miller and 21 current councillors.

Ford, who drew widespread criticism for skipping more than two hours of last week's three-day meeting to coach high school football, has missed 494 of the 3,334 council votes since December 2010, an absenteeism percentage of 14.8 per cent.

Until Ford's mayoralty, thousands of individual votes were not recorded in the official meeting minutes, so Miller's attendance record cannot be perfectly compared with Ford's. But of the 1,382 votes between 2006 and 2010 that

On the record

Mayor Rob Ford himself made it possible to easily calculate attendance ratings. At his insistence, each individual vote is now recorded, and all voting records and attendance records are posted online.

were recorded, Miller missed 41.8 per cent, close to three times the percentage missed by Ford this term to date.

Council's long-reigning attendance champion is Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, who has missed a mere 41 votes this term: 1.2 per cent.

Councillors vote on both major policy issues and minor procedural matters, such as whether to let a councillor speak longer. About a tenth of the votes this term were on speaking extensions, which council largely abolished, in another vote, in October.

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Former mayor David Miller, left, attended fewer meetings than Mayor Rob Ford. LEFT: RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; RIGHT: STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alleged murderer in U.S. gets Canadian residency



Kai-Guo Huang, CONTRIBUTED

Kai-Guo Huang came to Canada from China as refugee claimant Yu Chen in 2006.

He started a business and became a member of a local church. He paid his taxes on time. He was granted permanent residency status in 2010 and purchased an upscale condo in Scarborough.

To get into the country as a refugee claimant, he was fingerprinted and went through a criminal record check. A second set of fingerprints was given and another criminal check done when he applied for residency.

If Toronto police hadn't arrested him on charges of drunk driving in early August and run his prints against the FBI database in the U.S., chances are no one would have discovered two important things about Huang.

First, he entered Canada from China using fake travel documents. Second, he is wanted in the U.S. in connection with a grisly murder and decapitation 14 years ago.

The breakdown in border security has immigration experts and a Liberal MP baffled as to how an alleged murder-

er got into the country.

"The only reason he would have gotten through is if they didn't run his prints in the United States," said lawyer Richard Kurland, one of Canada's experts on immigration.

It's this kind of security mistake that should lead to changes in how people are screened, he said, suggesting the possibility of every refugee claimant automatically being put through criminal record checks.

Huang will be in a Toronto court Nov. 8, the deadline for the justice minister to make a

Strengthening the system

- An official with Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney's office said in a statement the Conservative government is working to strengthen Canada's immigration system.
- Bill C-31 will allow for collection of biometrics, including fingerprints and high-resolution photos from all temporary residents and asylum claimants, the official said.

decision on whether to extradite him to the United States.

Eight years before Huang moved to Canada, Philadelphia police said he was con-

nected to the gruesome July 1998 death of Hoi (Shorty) Yang, who was killed in the basement of a Chinatown restaurant. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Sky's the limit renting condo in downtown core

Stiff competition. Bidding wars, credit checks are the price young people are willing to pay to live in city core

Carol Endicott ventured into Toronto's condo market for the first time a few months ago and found herself caught up in a bidding war with four couples.

Only thing is, she was looking to rent, not buy, the two-bedroom unit.

One of the couples was offering \$2,700 a month — \$700 over the \$2000 asking price — for the spacious unit at Mount Pleasant and Davisville with its showcase kitchen and main-floor gym, all within an easy commute of the downtown.

"Toronto is booming with young professionals and they are pretty set in their minds (about) what they want and what they can afford, so it gets a little competitive," says Endicott, 32, who works for a major public relations firm.

"I hadn't looked for an apartment in four years and I couldn't believe it. I called my parents and they said, 'Don't get sucked in. Do not offer more than \$100 more.'"

In the end, Endicott and

her roommate, a local sports-caster, were shocked to find they had the winning bid, at \$2,100. The condo owner thought they had good jobs and would take care of the place.

With the vacancy rate now hovering around 1.4 per cent — down from 3.5 per cent in 2009 — demand for glass and granite condos has become incredibly intense in downtown Toronto where the condo boom has created the illusion of lots of supply, but not yet enough to keep up with rental demand.

Condo investors who own an estimated 30 to 95 per cent of the newer high-rises cluttering the Toronto skyline are finding a lineup of potential renters at their doors. And with the bulk of condos sold during the recent boom unlikely to actually be built for another three to five years, competition could remain intense for some time.

"I tell all my clients, 'Don't even start looking until you have all your paperwork in order,'" says Olenka Mallon, a ReMax agent who advises tenants come armed with a good credit score, letter of employment and salary and maybe even a reference from a previous landlord.

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Carol Endicott, sitting in her Toronto apartment, found herself in a bidding war with four other renters before moving in last spring. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The long view

- Competition for rental condos is expected to ease over the next five years as some 52,000 condos now under construction across the GTA come to market, and the record 28,000 sold last year get built over the

next three to five years.

- But the high cost of housing, and uncertainty about the softening market, means potential buyers are likely to rent longer.

Sex ed. Teens taking online course improve condom use, reduce STIs

If learning about the birds and the bees from your antiquated teacher in a room full of giggling adolescents seemed like torture, one group of researchers has found a more effective solution.

A team from the University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, Yale University and including researchers in South America studied the attitudes and behaviours of ninth graders in Colombia who took an online sexual education course. They found that, in those who took the online course, there was a reduction in STIs for sexually-active youth, increased condom use and increased awareness of sexually abusive situations.

The study, which is published as a working paper, tracked 138 ninth graders from 69 public schools in 21 Colombian cities who took a semester-long course provided by Pro-familia — an arm of Planned Parenthood International.

Students spent an hour and a half each day in class on the computer, where they worked through interactive modules and quizzes on topics such as sexual rights, pregnancy, contraceptives and STIs.

An important part of the course was access to a remote tutor, who students could communicate with privately to ask questions and get feedback.



Marco Gonzalez-Navarro, assistant professor at U of T. CONTRIBUTED

"We found very strong and significant effects," said Marco Gonzalez-Navarro, an assistant professor at the University of Toronto. "Using the Internet as a way of educating kids hasn't always shown to be very effective," Gonzalez-Navarro said, but in the case where discussing sexual activity openly can be awkward for teenagers, he said working online is an advantage.

The results of the study showed a 10 per cent increase in condom use among students who had taken the course and a reduction in self-reported STIs for those students who were sexually active when the course started. Gonzalez-Navarro said they also found among friend groups who had taken the course there was a significant, positive impact on sexual behaviour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Linzy won the Finding Toto competition on CBC's Over the Rainbow. Linzy and her owner won \$1,000 and a new dog house. CONTRIBUTED

Ontario pooch Linzy wins Over the Rainbow's Toto contest



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Little Linzy's winning run on CBC's Over the Rainbow almost didn't happen.

"I heard about the audition at Woofstock, and thought I'd go down and if it doesn't cost me a fortune to

park, I'd do it," said the dog's owner, Reta Thompson.

Fortunately, Thompson found a spot, and the pair went on to win the coveted ruby-red collar as part of the show's Toto competition.

Thompson, who hails from Georgetown, Ont., is something of an amateur animal trainer. When she adopted Linzy a few

years ago, she found the little mutt to be a willing student.

"She just wants to learn," Thompson said.

All the training paid off as Linzy beat out nine other canines in competitions ranging from obedience to grooming and dog tricks.

The win netted Thompson \$1,000 in cash and a shiny

new dog house for Linzy.

Unlike the winning Dorothy, La Salle's Danielle Wade, Linzy won't be cast in the Andrew Lloyd Webber production of The Wizard of Oz. The role of Toto will be filled by a trio of professionally-trained stage dogs, Thompson said.

"Although I'm sure Linzy could do it," she added.

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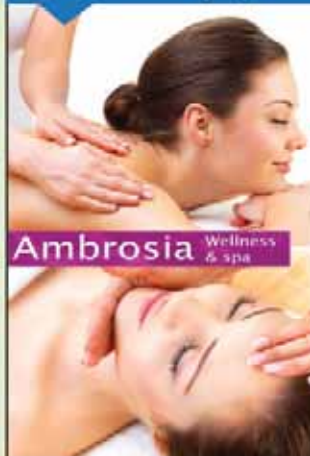
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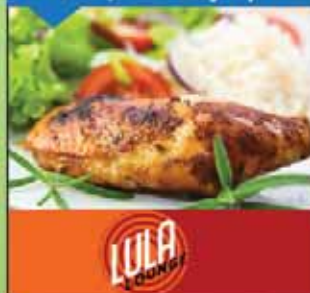
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**15-year-old
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A 15-year-old boy accused in a series of sexual assaults near Christie Pits will spend at least another month in custody before his next bail hearing.

The boy, who was charged with 16 offences last month, made a brief court appearance Tuesday morning in relation to two additional charges filed on Monday.

A bail hearing on the latest charges will be held on Dec. 12.

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Pulling the plug

**ServiceOntario
kiosks set to close**

Five months after leaving customers in limbo, the Ontario government is pulling the plug on its popular ServiceOntario kiosks, forcing people to stand in line or go online to renew licence stickers and change addresses.

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Gov. Gen. David Johnston, who took part in a recent United Way Toronto youth roundtable, said he was impressed with the "freshness of ideas." ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Gathering. Youth leaders
impress Governor General
at United Way roundtable**

Young people working to make the city better want other youth volunteers to join their ranks.

How to rally them was part of the discussion at the recent United Way Toronto youth roundtable, where volunteers from across the city talked about the impact of community service and the need to mobilize more youth.

As they talked, Gov. Gen. David Johnston listened.

Johnston co-chaired the Nov. 1 event with United Way Toronto president and CEO Susan McIsaac. It was attended by 68 youth leaders from Toronto, many of whom do volunteer work at their schools or with front-line community agencies. Others organize programs for youth and are role models and mentors.

Discussions focused on such topics as making it easier for youth to volunteer by breaking down some of the barriers they face, and learning how to navigate the political system so they can speak for themselves on issues that matter to them. Some also called for the formation of a

Already at work

- **Pitching in.** Teens such as Nasrudin Mumin are already doing their part. The 17-year-old student at York Memorial Collegiate Institute is a member of the Toronto District School Board's student council and the voice of thousands of students at 30 high school and 20 middle schools in his area.

core organization for young people where they could brainstorm, address youth issues and come up with innovative solutions.

Johnston also heard a proposal for a pilot project that would train high school students to help "navigate" youth toward volunteer opportunities. Susan Vardon, director of national initiatives for United Way Toronto, said the program would help students get the community service hours they need to graduate as they network with other youth.

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Outrage. Out-of-line comments about rape knock out candidates



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Some controversial comments about rape didn't pay off for two Republican Senate candidates.

Both Missouri Republican Todd Akin and Indiana Republican Richard Mourdock failed in their Senate races on Tuesday.

Akin was considered a strong candidate until a controversial interview in August in which he said that women's bodies have ways of avoiding pregnancy in instances of "legitimate rape."

"The female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down," Akin said at the time.

Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill, who supports abortion rights, was re-elected.

After Akin's controversial comments, Republican leaders, including Mitt Romney, called on him to abandon the race, but he refused.

In Indiana, Democrat Joe Donnelly defeated Republican Richard Mourdock, who had slipped in the polls after saying during a debate that when a woman who is raped becomes pregnant it's what "God intended."

"I, too, certainly stand for life," Mourdock said in the October debate.

"I know that there are some who disagree, and I respect their point of view, but I believe that life begins at conception. The only exception I have to have an abortion is in that



Richard Mourdock said pregnancy after rape is what God intended.
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case of the life of the mother.

"I struggled with it myself for a long time but I came to realize that life is a gift from God, and I think that even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape that it is something God intended to happen."

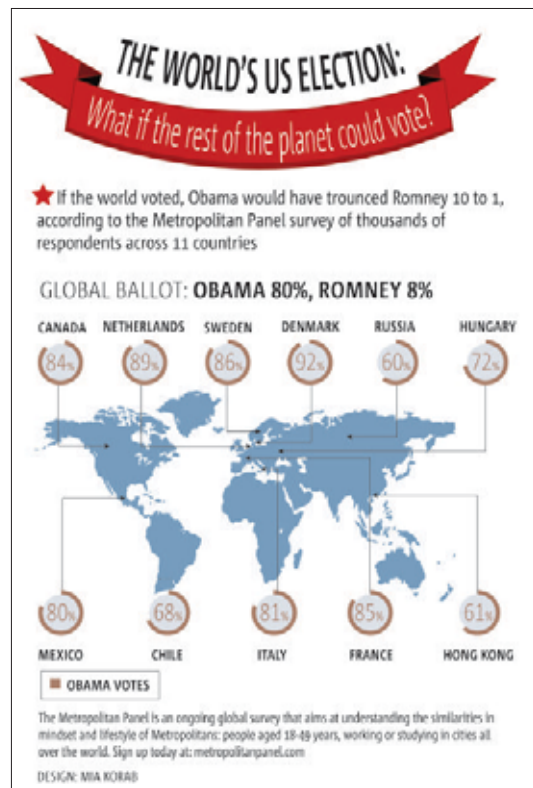
The Indiana seat had been held for six six-year terms by Sen. Richard Lugar, whom Mourdock defeated in the primary.

Donnelly's win handed it to the Democratic Party.

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U.S. Democratic supporters celebrate President Barack Obama's win at a Democrats Abroad election night gathering in Toronto on Tuesday.

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Obama does it!

Race for the White House. The lead switches agonisingly all night but U.S. president finally triumphs in historic election

Quoted

"I feel like we put it all on the field. We left nothing in the locker room. We fought to the very end."

Mitt Romney, speaking to reporters on his plane as he flew to Boston on Tuesday.

unemployment.

In one of the hardest-fought campaigns in recent history, challenger Mitt Romney, the 65-year-old former Massachusetts governor, battled until the bitter end.

Romney had 45.2 million votes, or 49 per cent. Obama had 45 million, also 49 per cent, with 65 per cent of precincts tallied.

All night the lead kept switching back and forth.

Obama won the reliably Democratic Northeast, and Romney secured his con-

servative base. But the critical battlegrounds with the key to victory were unsettled late into the night — Virginia, Ohio and Florida among them — and, astonishingly, some voters were still waiting in long lines late Tuesday.

Romney also held an early electoral vote advantage, 159-147, with 270 needed for victory — although he lost his home state of Michigan as well as Massachusetts, where he served as governor.

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Obama won the reliably Democratic Northeast, and Romney secured his conservative base.

The high turnout of African-American voters in Pennsylvania — reportedly even higher than it was in 2008 — was thought to have played a critical role in the president's victory there.

In Chicago, Obama's supporters were overjoyed even though he was yet to officially win the White House.

The president was on his way, along with his wife, Michelle, to address the crowd at his downtown headquarters in the Windy City.

At home in Chicago, the president all but claimed victory. "This happened because of you. Thank you" he tweeted to supporters.

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Glitches couldn't block democracy's path

It wasn't exactly mayhem. But sporadic problems were reported at polling places around the United States.

A confrontation broke out in Pennsylvania involving Republican inspectors over access to some polls.

Also in Pennsylvania, a voting machine lit up for Mitt Romney even when a voter pressed the button for

President Barack Obama.

Video of what an official called a "momentary glitch" was widely viewed on YouTube.

One Florida elections office mistakenly told voters in robocalls that the election was on Wednesday.

In Philadelphia, a judge ordered a mural of Obama covered up after a Republican

election worker snapped a picture of it at a school polling place.

There were reported problems with ballot scanners in the Ohio cities of Cleveland, Dayton and Toledo.

Polling places opened late in minority neighbourhoods in Galveston, Texas.

Voters in several storm-ravaged areas in New York

and New Jersey expressed relief at being able to vote at all, considering the devastation from Superstorm Sandy.

"Nothing is more important than voting. What is the connection between voting and this?" said Alex Shamis, a resident of hard-hit Staten Island, pointing to his mud-filled home.

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“Vote like your life depends on it ... I’ve never taken that so true to heart.”

Keely Bell, 42, a mother of two who works at a Chrysler plant in Detroit, Mich. Bell credits President Obama for her having work, and volunteers to get the vote out.

“Even if Obama wins, I won’t go out celebrating tonight and say, ‘Yes. We won.’ Because we won’t win until four years from now, when we can see what the results are of his actions.”

Jerome Gantt, 34, an independent voter outside of Raleigh, N.C. Gantt voted Republican in the last election, but will give Obama a chance this round to live up to his promises.

“No matter what happens — hurricanes, tornadoes — it’s our day to vote.”

Agim Coma, 25, a construction worker voting in Little Ferry, N.J. Though Sandy claimed both his apartment and his car, Coma was the first voter to arrive at his polling station.

“What has he done?”

Doris Jacobsen, 76, a retired secretary in Boca Raton, Fla. Jacobsen says she cannot imagine why someone would vote for Obama again.



Voters cast their ballots at Waikiki Elementary on Election Day, Tuesday in Honolulu. MARCO GARCIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Also on the ballot ...

Pot, gay marriage

Several states had a chance Tuesday to be the first to approve same-sex marriage by popular vote and to legalize recreational use of marijuana.

Dating back to 1998, same-sex marriage has been rejected in all 32 states that have held popular votes on the issue. Gay-rights advocates believed they had a chance to break that streak as Maine, Maryland and Washington voted on ballot measures to legalize same-sex marriage, and Minnesota voted on whether to place a ban on gay marriage in the state constitution.

Marijuana legalization was on the ballot in Washington, Oregon and Colorado; each measure would allow adults to possess small amounts of pot under a regimen of state regulation and taxation. The Washington and Colorado measures were believed to have a decent chance of passage. If approved, the measures would directly challenge a federal drug law. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Election day across the U.S.A.



Anne Naparstek of Madison, Wis. displays an I Voted sticker while holding her three-week-old daughter, Ilsa, after submitting her ballot.

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A Miami voting line. DAVID SANTIAGO/EL NUEVO HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A vote-discount poster in a Chicago shop. ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

The vote. At polling places and in luncheonettes, in the storm-battered New York metro area and a California city hobbled by foreclosure, Americans celebrated democracy — and the end of a long and bitter campaign

CHICAGO, Ill.: Supporting the president in style

Make no mistake — Carter's Barber Shop is Obama country.

None of the customers here waited until Tuesday to cast ballots. They voted for the president days or weeks ago. Kim Jackson, who was getting her hair trimmed, wore an "I WAS THERE" button that she bought that celebratory night four years ago when she watched President-elect Barack Obama take the stage in Grant Park.

Bert Downing, the shop's owner, said Obama needs more time to deal with "the huge plate of problems he inherited. ... It's a work in progress. I just want to see him complete the mission."

Downing believes Obama has been treated differently because he's black. "The blatant

disrespect?" he said, shaking his head in frustration. "Would they have done it if had been Bush or Reagan? At the bottom of all this ... is race. If he were white, he wouldn't have the same problems."

It would be hard to find a more Obama-friendly spot. The shop sits on the edge of a ward that supported the president by a 99 per cent-plus majority in 2008. And the regulars are pleased with his policies.

Charles Leeks, who had a liver transplant last November, pointed to Obama's health care program. Because of it, he said, he doesn't have to worry about a lifetime cap on insurance coverage.

WARREN, Mich.: Off the factory line, on the streets

At the United Auto Workers regional headquarters, hundreds of volunteers awaited pep talks and final get-out-the-vote assignments on a cold, grey Tuesday. Among them is Joseph Losier, who is helping with last-minute door-knocking.

Losier, who works at a different Chrysler plant in this Detroit suburb, is a fourth-generation auto-worker. Pounding the pavement for the union is his regular Election Day routine.

He believes the auto-industry bailout Obama supported made a real difference in his life, and thinks that personal connections — conversations on the factory floor, canvassing,

even a last word as voters arrive at their polling stations — can persuade people.

A father of four, he says he would surely be unemployed today without the bailout. Now he sees the industry hiring again, and vacant homes in his neighbourhood starting to fill. But the buzz of 2008 is gone.

This election, "it's like we're battle-hardened soldiers," said Losier, 33. "We know what we have to do. Let's get it done."

PATASKALA, Ohio: In battleground Ohio, relief the election is (almost) over

If there was one thing the regulars at the Nutcracker restaurant could agree upon Tuesday, it was that the presidential campaign went on for far too long.

Like voters throughout Ohio, residents of this small town were inundated for months with ads, campaign mail and phone calls. Just Monday, both Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney stumbled in central Ohio for the umpteenth time.

"Overbearing," said 77-year-old Ken Armentrout, a retired truck driver who stopped in after voting for Romney. "It was the same thing over and over."

Sitting next to him was 61-year-old Lewie Hoskinson, a retired city worker who his friends claim is the only Obama supporter in the town of 14,000. "I'm sure there are others,

but I'm the only one who will admit it," Hoskinson said, to belly laughs from his buddies.

Pataskala and rural Licking County are so Republican that Hoskins twice had his Obama yard sign vandalized. Still, Hoskinson said he supported the president because he seemed more in touch with the working man and because he engineered the auto bailout, a big deal in a state where that industry looms large.

His friends acknowledged they weren't exactly thrilled with Romney, but said Obama hadn't done enough to get the economy moving.

BOCA RATON, Fla.: A century of wisdom at the polls

After 102 years on this earth, after a life as a teacher and a store owner, after seeing war and a Depression and presidents good and bad, Selma Friedman sees no reason to muffle her opinion. She wants to see war ended and schools renewed, for manufacturing to return and women's rights to improve. She worries about health care and climate change and energy and fairness, and stops for only a moment before continuing her litany.

When she voted Tuesday at St. Andrews South, her retirement community in Boca Raton, Fla., she went with a Democrat again, marking Obama on her ballot with no hesitation.

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California

Two more deaths in plant shooting

Authorities say two more people have died after being shot at a California chicken processing plant, bringing the death toll to three.

Fresno County Coroner David Hadden said Tuesday the suspected gunman was among the additional two deaths. Police have identified him as 42-year-old Lawrence Jones. Police say Jones opened fire a few hours into his shift. Officers found him with a gunshot wound to the head and a 32-year-old woman bleeding from a wound to her lower back outside the business. She was in stable condition.

Three other people were found shot inside the plant.

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Same-sex marriage

Spanish court rejects appeal

Spain's constitutional Court upheld the legality of the country's gay marriage law on Tuesday, rejecting an appeal contending that marriage in the Spanish constitution means only the union of a man and woman.

The country's top court voted 8-3 to dismiss the appeal of the conservative Popular Party filed shortly after Spain became the world's third country to approve gay marriage. The gay marriage law angered the predominant Roman Catholic Church, but opinion surveys showed most Spaniards backed it.

More than 22,000 gay marriages have taken place in Spain.

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South Africa. Police may have altered scene of shootings, probe indicates

South African police may have altered evidence and planted weapons after they shot dead 34 striking miners near Lonmin's Marikana mines in August, according to photographic evidence presented at a commission of inquiry into the killings.

Photographs taken by police the night after the shootings show more weapons by the dead bodies than there were in photographs taken immediately after the violence on Aug. 16. Thousands of miners had gathered at hills in Marikana about 94 kilometres

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In this courtroom sketch, Capt. Daniel Fields, right, a prosecution witness in Staff Sgt. Robert Bales' hearing, testifies in a military courtroom at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state on Nov. 5. LOIS SILVER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soldiers testify at Bales hearing

Afghanistan killings.
Hearing told Bales
spent evening watching
a violent movie and
drinking whiskey
before killing spree

The U.S. soldier accused of killing 16 civilians in a nighttime attack on two villages in Afghanistan in March was largely calm and compliant when he turned himself in, witnesses testified Tuesday on the second day of his hearing. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales followed orders, sometimes sat with his head in his hands and made a joke in a failed effort to ease the tension.

But Bales also deliberately mangled his laptop, folding the screen, said two soldiers assigned to accompany him while he gathered his things.

That didn't prevent investigators from retrieving information from the computer, Sgt. Ross O'Rourke said. He didn't say what information was collected.

Bales, 39, a veteran of four combat tours, faces 16 counts of premeditated murder and six counts of attempted murder. The hearing will help determine whether the case goes to a court martial.

A prosecutor's opening statement and other witness testimony Monday suggested Bales spent the evening before the massacre at his remote out-

post at Camp Belambay with fellow soldiers, watching a movie about revenge killings, sharing contraband whiskey from a plastic bottle and discussing an attack that cost one of their friends his leg. Within hours, Bales embarked on a killing spree, killing 16 Afghans before returning to the base in predawn darkness, bloody and incredulous that his comrades ordered him to surrender his weapons, said prosecutor Lt. Col. Jay Morse.

Bales has not entered a plea. His attorneys have not discussed the evidence, but they say Bales has post-traumatic stress disorder and suffered a concussive head injury during a prior deployment to Iraq.

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Crackdown. China shuts out petitioners during transition period

During her train journey to Beijing, Wang Xiulan ducked into bathrooms whenever the conductors checked IDs. Later, as she lay low in the outskirts of the capital, unidentified men caught her in a nighttime raid and hauled her to a police station. She assumed a fake identity to get away, and is now in hiding again.

Wang is among many people attempting to bring local complaints directly to the central government in an age-old Chinese tradition that has continued during the Communist Party era. But po-



A petitioner rests on a bed.

ALEXANDER F. YUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

lice never make that easy, and this week, as an all-important leadership transition begins, a dragnet is aimed at keeping anyone perceived as a threat or a troublemaker out of Beijing.

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Sri Lanka's chief justice faces impeachment

List of complaints.

Government accuses Bandaranayake of holding undisclosed bank accounts and harassing judges

Sri Lanka's government has accused the country's chief justice of unexplained wealth and misuse of power in an impeachment complaint submitted to Parliament.

The complaint, included in Parliament's published agenda Tuesday, says Chief Justice Shirani Bandaranayake's actions had "plunged the Supreme Court and the office of chief justice into disrepute."

It was Parliament's first meeting since a group of government lawmakers submitted the complaint last Thursday to Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa. The inclusion of the complaint in Parliament's agenda indicates that it was accepted by the speaker, who is to form a parliamentary committee to investigate the allegations.

Opposition parties and independent analysts say the impeachment process is a politically motivated attempt to



Supporters of Sri Lanka's ruling Alliance display cutouts of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, in blue, and his lawmaker brother Basil Rajapaksa during a demonstration in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Tuesday. GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

stifle the judiciary's independence as part of a government effort to concentrate power in the hands of President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The speaker is his older brother.

The complaint alleges that Bandaranayake did not disclose how she obtained 19 million rupees (\$146,000 US) to pay for a house purchased under power of attorney for another person, and that she took control of several cases filed against the company that

sold the property after removing the judges who originally heard them.

It also accuses Bandaranayake of not declaring the contents of 20 bank accounts, including four foreign currency accounts containing the equivalent of 34 million rupees (\$260,000 US).

It also alleges that Bandaranayake misused her position to harass other judges.

If the committee determines that the complaint has

merit, an impeachment motion will be voted on and the president will be informed of the outcome for further action. With the ruling coalition controlling more than two-thirds of Parliament's seats, the motion is expected to be carried easily.

The impeachment attempt follows months of conflict between Parliament, which is controlled by President Rajapaksa, and the judiciary.

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Violence continues in Iraq. Midday blast kills 33 near military base

A suicide bomber driving a car packed with explosives detonated the vehicle near an Iraqi military base as soldiers changed shifts north of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 33 people and wounding 56, according to authorities.

The blast struck around midday as troops were leaving the base in Taji, 20 kilometres north of the capital, police said. Twenty-two soldiers were among the dead, and several vehicles were damaged, they said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, though suicide car bombings are a favourite tactic of Sunni militant groups such as al-

Deadly streak

The attack was the deadliest in Iraq in more than a week.

- Oct 27. 40 people dead after string of attacks
- Nov 5. 8 wounded and 4 dead in separate bombing

Qaida. Officials said many of the wounded were soldiers. They warned the death toll could rise further because several of the injuries were serious. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sentencing. Alberta father gets five years for killing baby daughter

A judge choked back tears Tuesday as he sentenced an Alberta man to five years in prison for killing his baby daughter.

Julian Thomson admitted to shaking the crying four-month old girl, throwing her against a wall then pitching her to the floor of a Red Deer home last November. Zaria McCall died a few hours later in an Edmonton hospital from blunt force trauma to the head. Tests showed she had suffered three separate skull fractures.

Thomson, 22, admitted to the court that he also had been angry at the baby's mother. The judge said Thomson deserved five years, but gave

Quoted

"Taking the life of a child for doing what a child does is beyond comprehension."

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Earl Wilson

him 10 months credit for time already served in custody, leaving him with a total term of four years and two months.

Crown prosecutor Jason Snider said Thomson didn't intend to hurt his daughter but the young man lost his temper and committed "a violent and unspeakable act."

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Drugs smuggling bid

Teens swallowed 300 pellets: CBSA

The Canada Border Services Agency says a pair of teenagers planning to board a flight out of Vancouver had swallowed more than 300 pellets of drugs in a smuggling attempt.

Under secondary questioning, border services officers found inconsistencies in answers from the teens and thought they might be what the agency calls "internal narcotics carriers."

Both teenagers needed emergency surgery to remove the drug, which is believed to be methamphetamine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nigeria

Newspaper head shot during attack

The managing director and editor-in-chief of the Nigerian Compass daily newspaper has been shot during an attack in the country's southwest.

The newspaper said in

a statement Tuesday that Sina Kawonise was shot in the leg in the attack Monday while travelling through Osun state. The newspaper said a police officer travelling with him also was shot. Both survived. The newspaper said Kawonise recently received unspecified threats over the Internet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Zoo escape

Gaza police catch rogue crocodile

It took an Internet search, shark nets and two weeks of floating in a sewage pond, but Gaza policemen said Tuesday that they have finally captured a crocodile that was terrifying residents. The 1.75-metre crocodile fled his zoo enclosure two



A captured crocodile caught after fleeing a zoo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

years ago and crawled to a large sewage pit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fair punishment?

Sidewalk driver to wear idiot sign

32-year-old Shena Hardin, who was caught on camera driving on a sidewalk to avoid a Cleveland school bus that was unloading children, will have to stand at an intersection wearing a sign warning about idiots. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sentenced

Lobster thief facing 25 years

A Pennsylvania man could spend up to 25 years in prison for stealing lobsters he planned to sell to support his drug habit. Authorities say 47-year-old Charles Shumanis III repeatedly stole lobsters from supermarkets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dispute intervention

Supersonic skydiver's appeal rejected by court

An Austrian court has rejected an appeal by supersonic skydiver Felix Baumgartner against a conviction and fine for punching a truck driver. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conservative legislator

Lawmaker turned reality star suspended

British lawmaker Nadine Dorries was suspended by her party Tuesday after she swapped the political jungle for the Australian rainforest and appeared on a reality TV show. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indian government warns Harper of Sikh extremism

Urging vigilance.

Prime ministers talk terrorism during stop on six-day trade trip

The Indian government issued a pointed and public warning to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to mind what they see as alarming evidence of Sikh extremism on Canadian soil.

Harper is usually the one to urge vigilance over extremism and terrorism as he travels the world meeting with his counterparts, but on Tuesday the shoe was on the other foot during a meeting in India's capital with India's minister of state for external affairs Priyanka Kaur.

"Prime minister, there was another area of great concern for us, which was the revival of anti-India rhetoric in Canada, and I am from the state of Punjab, which we are very happy you will be visiting," Kaur said during a morning meeting.

"We have after very hard times got a good situation of peace and progress back in Punjab and in India and we would like that to continue ... we do appreciate very much that you have been forthright and open about your stand on



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh take part in a signing ceremony in New Delhi on Tuesday. Singh warned Harper of the presence of Sikh extremism in Canada. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

this."

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh touched on the issue again during an evening ceremony.

"India and Canada are nations built on shared values that celebrate democracy, in-

clusiveness and diversity," said Singh. "We have similar concerns in combating terrorism, extremism and radicalism."

The issue of internal extremism has been one that has shaken India to the core over the past several decades

— former prime minister Indira Gandhi was murdered by her own Sikh bodyguards after a string of events sparked by fundamentalists seeking their own separate, fundamentalist nation they would call Khalistan.

Canada too has been rocked by related terrorism. Police believe the bombing of a 1985 Air India flight that killed 331 people was orchestrated by Sikh extremists based in Canada.

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RCMP. It Gets Better video aimed at gay youth

An emotional video by gay and lesbian RCMP officers and civilian employees has been released with a message to young people that life does get better.

The nine-minute It Gets Better video features 20 participants who tell their stories about when they realized they were gay and how their friends and family reacted, ranging from open acceptance to harsh bullying in school.

The video was the brainchild of the Surrey RCMP's youth unit and was filmed this past summer.

One officer recalls his mother crying when he told her he was leaving the priesthood because he was gay, while another recalls his family telling him it was "just a phase."

But the participants say eventually it did get better, and they speak about the acceptance they now experience among their families and at work.

The It Gets Better campaign was launched by U.S. sex columnist Dan Savage in response to anti-gay bullying and it has inspired videos from celebrities, politicians and everyday people.

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Western U researchers 'very happy' with HIV/AIDS vaccine



Dr. Chil-Yong Kang, right, confers with one of his research associates in his lab at Western University. Kang and his team are one step closer to eradicating HIV/AIDS after a successful completion of the Phase 1 clinical trials. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Dr. Chil-Yong Kang is one step closer to eradicating HIV/AIDS.

After a successful first trial of a preventative HIV/AIDS vaccine, researchers are predicting there could be a vaccine available in five years — provided Phases 2 and 3 are successful.

"Today, I am very happy to announce there were no adverse affects observed during the preliminary Phase 1 clinical trials," Kang said at a Western University news conference Tuesday.

Developed by Kang and

his team at Western, and supported by Sumagen Canada, the vaccine entered Phase 1 testing in the United States earlier this year. During this phase, the vaccine was administered to 24 HIV/AIDS-positive patients who were monitored for any side effects.

"These tests prove the safety and efficacy of the vaccine," said Dr. Dong Joon Kim, vice-chairman of Sumagen Canada.

"It encourages us at Sumagen Canada to be on the long journey to reach the final goal for all of humankind."

Together, Kang and Suma-

gen now will apply to the United States Food and Drug Administration for approval to commence Phase 2 trials, which will see the drug tested on 300 to 600 volunteers who — unlike patients in Phase 1 — are not HIV/AIDS positive.

"I have no doubt about the Phase 2 clinical trials," said Kang. "We already see some preliminary results showing that (the vaccine) will stimulate antibody production, so I have no problem with Phase 2. As far as Phase 3, God only knows."

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO IN LONDON

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Bolivia returns mummified toddler to Peru

Second recovered.

Another mummy returned to Peru by Germany last year had been removed from the country in the 1980s

The mummified toddler seized from antiquities traffickers is at least 700 years old and sits, spine curved forward, only about a foot tall.

It was welcomed back to Peru on Tuesday as a sort of celebrity, a symbol of the nation's effort to protect its cultural heritage.

"This small package," Culture Minister Luis Peirano told reporters, "is just a sample of the sacking, of the violation of our patrimony and all our inheritance."

Police in neighbouring



This undated photo shows a mummified toddler seized from antiquities traffickers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bolivia seized it two years ago as a Bolivian citizen tried to ship it to an address in Compiegne, France, in a cardboard box.

Bolivia's culture minister,

Pablo Groux, formally handed it over to Peru at a news conference on Tuesday. It was wrapped in white linen because of its precarious condition, with underlying cloth made of cotton and wool from some sort of cameloid, which include llamas and alpacas.

Only two of the five pieces of cloth in which it was wrapped are original, and its left leg belonged to another child.

"To raise its commercial value, they added the other material and the leg," said Blanca Alva, the Peruvian Culture Ministry official in charge of protecting the country's patrimony.

The mummy's sex is uncertain. Archaeologists believe it comes from a pre-Inca culture of coastal Peru and is of a child of about two years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public health

Officials plotting polio endgame

Public health officials plotting the strategy behind the effort to rid the world of polio are seeking approval for fundamental changes to the blueprint for the way the eradication program will eventually come to a stop.

The Global Polio Eradication

Initiative is asking for endorsement of changes it wants to make to the polio endgame, the tricky manoeuvring that will be needed to safely stop vaccinating against polio once it appears the viruses are no longer spreading and causing disease.

The initiative hopes the proposed options will speed up the end of polio transmission and make the final moves safer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Autopsy

2-year-old bled to death from zoo wild dog mauling

The medical examiner's office says a two-year-old boy who died in a U.S. zoo's African wild dog exhibit bled to death after he was mauled Sunday.

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Gunmen assassinate brother of leading Syrian politician

Risk of 'Somalization'.
UN-Arab League envoy
Lakhdar Brahimi says
crisis could lead to fall
of the state, rise of war
lords and militias

Gunmen killed the brother of Syria's parliament speaker in a hail of bullets as he drove to work in Damascus on Tuesday, the state news agency said.

Mohammed Osama Laham, the brother of Parliament Speaker Jihad Laham, became the latest victim of a wave of assassinations targeting Syrian officials, army officers and other prominent supporters of President Bashar Assad's regime. The killing came a day after some of the most intense fighting in Damascus in months as rebels wage a civil war to unseat Assad.



Syrians push a burned car after a blast in the Mazzeh al-Jabal district of Damascus on Monday.
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The government and activists said a series of explosions Tuesday evening rocked the northwestern edge of Damascus. At least 13 people were killed and 30 wounded. Activists said the bombs were placed in a main square near housing for the country's elite troops from the Repub-

lican Guards, which is led by Assad's brother Maher in charge of protecting the capital.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister David Cameron suggested Tuesday that Assad could be allowed safe passage out of the country if that option would guarantee an end to the nation's civil war.

The Turkish state news agency reported that seven Syrian generals defected to Turkey, joining dozens of other generals who have abandoned the regime.

In Jordan, visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with Riad Hijab, the former Syrian prime minister who defected to Jordan in August. It was a rare, high-level contact between Moscow and a Syrian opposition figure. Lavrov said his talks with Hijab were meant to get firsthand information from the Syrian opposition on how they view a solution to the civil war. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World Trade Center memorial reopens

Remembering 9-11.
The 'sacred' site opens to public again after Superstorm Sandy's floodwaters pumped out

The 9-11 memorial reopened to the public Tuesday a week after Superstorm Sandy flooded the World Trade Center site, but another temporary closure was planned Wednesday

in anticipation of an expected Nor'easter.

City parks will also be shut down due to potential high winds from the predicted Nor'easter, with park closures scheduled from Wednesday noon through Thursday noon.

The earlier news from the 9-11 site following Sandy, however, was that last week's superstorm — which claimed at least 40 lives in the city — spared the core of the memorial: the reflective fountains ringed by the

Quote

"(The 9-11 memorial) is a sacred place."

Joe Daniels, president of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum

names of those who died in the terrorist attack.

"My worst fear on the night of the storm was, 'What was going to happen to the memorial, and the names that

millions of people have come and touched?'" Joe Daniels, president of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, told The Associated Press.

As he walked through the memorial site late Monday afternoon — he called it "a sacred place" — Daniels pointed to a tree that miraculously had made it through the Sept. 11 terrorist attack and also survived the storm.

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A 9-11 Memorial worker wheels clean-up equipment through the World Trade Center Memorial visitor centre late Monday before it reopened to the public on Tuesday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aid mission. UN to send food for 500,000 in eastern Cuba after Sandy

The United Nations on Tuesday announced a humanitarian aid mission to eastern Cuba in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, saying it could end up being the most damaging storm to hit that part of the island in 50 years.

The UN's World Food Program said in a statement that it is co-ordinating with Cuban authorities to provide one month's food rations for nearly a half million people in and around Santiago, a city of about 500,000 people that was clobbered when Sandy came ashore as a Category 2 hurricane on Oct. 25.

"We are especially concerned about the damage in the agricultural sector where tens of thousands of hectares of staple crops have been affected," WFP emergency coordinator William Vigil was quoted as saying. "Livestock facilities have also been seriously damaged, particularly in Santiago, and this humanitarian assistance will help people continue until production capacities are restored."

Aftermath

- Cuban newspaper Juventud Rebelde reported Tuesday that electricity had been restored to 64 per cent of customers in Santiago, and to 53 per cent in the surrounding province of the same name.

- Authorities said more than 700,000 cubic metres of downed trees and other debris had been cleared across the province.

ian assistance will help people continue until production capacities are restored."

The government has estimated that more than 200,000 homes were damaged, and the WFP said that means more than one million people, about 10 per cent of the island's residents, were affected.

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Superstorm shoe sale

A shopper, centre, picks through water-damaged shoes in Sneaker Town on Tuesday in the Coney Island section of New York. The store is clearing out its inventory damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

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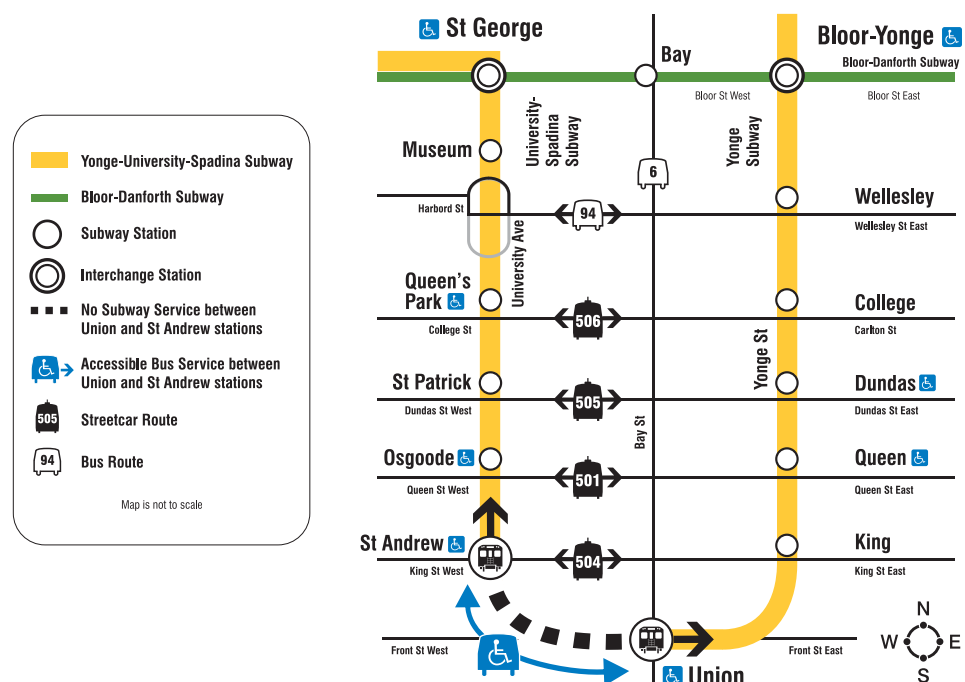
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Credit monitoring

Unpaid consumer debts fall sharply

Equifax Canada says delinquencies on consumer debt fell to pre-recession levels during the summer, even though the amount of money owed kept rising. The credit-monitoring firm says only 1.22 per cent of debts were unpaid after 90 days or more in the July-September quarter, down sharply from 1.37 per cent in the previous quarter.

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Canada Post

New community mailboxes could cost home buyers

Buyers of new homes may have an additional fee to contend with next year. Canada Post will begin charging developers \$200 per home address to install community mailboxes in new residential neighbourhoods and commercial areas. Developers will likely pass off the expense to buyers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Not so scary after all: Why rookies shouldn't fear stocks

Investing. This is the first of three columns on getting into the stock market



IN THE MARKET
Bryan Borzyskowski
For Metro

For most of the last century, investing in the stock market has been a great way to make money. That's because share prices have mostly gone up.

Of course, someone who lost their retirement savings during the recession doesn't want to hear that. While the markets have mostly recovered since the economic crisis, many people still want nothing to do with equities.

These days, most people are keeping their money in bonds, high-interest savings accounts or under a mattress, which is precisely where you don't want your cash to be. Investments must grow faster than inflation or you end up losing money. Right now, inflation is around two per cent, while a 10-year Government of Canada bond is paying 1.8 per cent. You get nothing for storing your money on a shelf at home.

Despite what you saw in the crisis, the stock market isn't a scary place. There are plenty of low-risk places for conservative investors to stash some dough, such as in brand name, dividend-paying stocks. While it's true that equities will always be riskier than bonds, in today's low-interest rate environment,



If you're hoarding cash rather than investing it, you're losing money, says columnist Bryan Borzyskowski. In the first of a three-part series, he aims to convince investing newbies that equities aren't so frightening. **ISTOCK**

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barely paying fixed-income has become risky too.

The beauty of the stock market is that anyone can buy in, even if you only have \$20 a month to save. Banks will take just about anyone at any income level; some larger firms require a \$500,000 investment or more before they'll take a client on. While you can get access to different investment options — such as real estate or hedge funds — if you have

more money, the point is that you don't need to be rich to invest.

You also don't need to know much about the markets. Investing newbies can purchase mutual funds — securities that hold a basket of stocks — through an adviser. Savvier investors may buy stocks online. The earlier you start the better, though. The longer your funds are left to grow the more money you'll make.

The only people who should stay away from the markets are those who can't stomach any risk at all. Even the most conservative equity investor will see their portfolios fall from time to time. If you can't fathom seeing a negative number, then maybe the mattress is right for you.

As history has proven time and time again, though, markets do rise. It may take a while before the volatility we're experiencing today dies down, but it will. Either get in now, when stocks are cheap, or hope that wad of cash you're hoarding somehow finds a way to reproduce.

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Role models

Investors to watch

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The Oracle of Omaha got rich by buying undervalued companies. It's called value investing. You buy a business that no one wants, which makes it cheap. When people eventually buy in, the stock price soars.



Peter Lynch
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Prem Watsa
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Kytephone. Kid-proofing app attracts competition

Last week, Microsoft unveiled its new mobile operating system Windows Phone 8 and a feature called Kids Corner, which must sound like a god-send to parents who let their little ones play with their smartphone.

It allows parents to enable a child-friendly interface that hides apps and phone features that rambunctious tots could cause trouble with.

Kids Corner sounds remarkably similar to the brain-child of Toronto-based Martin Drashkov and Renat Gataullin, co-founders of Kytephone, an app for Google's Android phones and tablets.

Not that they mind. Given that Kids Corner is exclusive to Windows phones — which

Kytephone features

- Among Kytephone's features is the ability to track a phone remotely and manage it from a web browser.
- Parents can use the phone's GPS to see where their child is, see what photos have been taken with the device's camera, and control who can text or call their child.

still represent a very small part of the mobile market — they don't consider it direct competition. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Auto industry

'Business as usual' for Suzuki Canada

It remains "business as usual" for Suzuki in Canada despite a decision by its counterpart in the U.S. to discontinue auto sales and seek court protection from its creditors while it focuses

on other products.

"Suzuki Canada has no current plans to discontinue automobile sales in Canada nor are we contemplating any form of court-supervised restructuring as they have done in the United States," Suzuki Canada spokesman Bill Porter said Tuesday.

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Lack of transparency kills budget watchdog report

Federal standoff.

Kevin Page says he will have an opinion this month on whether he can sue Ottawa for needed information

Canada's budget watchdog will not issue a mid-year report on the Harper government's finances, citing lack of co-operation from the vast majority of departments.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page posted a partial analysis on the government's \$5.2-billion spending cuts plan Tuesday, but said a complete report that would be useful to parliamentarians is impossible because he just hasn't been given enough information.

He is seeking legal advice on whether he can sue Ottawa for the information, saying he will have an opinion this month.

"We're just saying show us the plan. This is not just a PBO issue, Parliament needs to see

Quoted

"But to say 'We are not giving you the plan' totally undermines Parliament."

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page

this and if they do see it and start to scrutinize these plans, the chance of hitting objectives goes up," he said.

"But to say 'We are not giving you the plan' totally undermines Parliament."

Page said he has been begging departments and other governmental organizations to report to his office their plans for personnel cuts and their impact on programs and services for seven months, but in many cases has received only a perfunctory response.

To date, the PBO has received responses to requests about budget cutbacks from 91 per cent of government departments. However, most have supplied inadequate information, he said.

Only one-quarter of depart-



Kevin Page, Canada's parliamentary budget officer seen here in Ottawa in this April file photo, says lack of co-operation from the Harper government is preventing him from providing a mid-year analysis of the country's finances. **SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ments, representing three per cent of the \$5.2 billion in budgeted cutbacks, have provided data on personnel losses or the impact on services to Canadians, he said.

"The lack of disclosure will prevent the PBO from providing parliamentarians with independent analysis on the

state of the nation's finances and the estimates of the government," the budget officer said in the analysis.

On Monday, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty reiterated his position that he does not believe Page is entitled to the information he is seeking.

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There's hope for me yet.
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Guys: You know who you are. You are impervious to all the recent trends toward

humanization. Sensitive New Age Guy? Metrosexual? Fuggedaboutit. Emotions are like kryptonite or cockroaches. They need to be removed from the room to make it safe for football, video games, hot wings and the other essentials of Guy life.

Well, turns out that getting in touch with our feelings is not only trendy, it's also good for us.

Huh? (The universally-recognized Guy response to any complex thought.)

A Harvard study that's been going on since 1938 has found that relationships (eeyeww), not genes or birth order or political affiliation are the best indicator of how well men will do throughout their lives. The Grant Study, as it's known (who heads up Grant's study?) has followed 268 Harvard students through their entire lives.

Emotional long haul

Here's the bottom line, Guys. Of those participants who have the capacity for intimate relationships, one-third are still alive. Of those who don't? Four miserable S.O.B.s.

tion, they'll have nothing to worry about. I'll die young (well, youngish), the tragic victim of emotional constipation. Like the end of a Clint Eastwood movie.

But wait! It doesn't have to be that way. The researchers have documented what should be called the Ebenezer Scrooge Effect. Somewhere along the line, a few lucky Guys discover their emotions, and become interesting.

The New York Times' story on the study features a Guy who worked night shifts to put himself through school, then biked to class first thing in the morning. He probably had to plow his way through seven-foot snowdrifts, too, like the rest of us Guys. By the time he was 40, he was a burnout: "Mediocre and without imagination." Then, in his old age, he went back to his first love, theatre, got married at 78, and by the time he was 86, got down to a single medication: Viagra. He died at 96 from having too much fun.

The title of the research is called Triumphs of Experience.

What doesn't kill you can make you glad to be here. And ready for someone who wants to share your secret and doesn't care if you start to cry during the part where Clint finally sees the light. Just before he takes the bullet meant for ...



Clint Eastwood arrives at the *Trouble with the Curve* premiere in September. It's a film about an aging baseball scout who takes his daughter on one last recruiting trip. So there's still hope for all you Guys. GETTY IMAGES

VIP rhinos get their own bodyguards



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Sought-after horns

Protection from poachers

Rhinos Najin and Suni are pictured grazing under 24-hour protection as part of a conservation program in Kenya.

The northern white rhino species is extinct in the wild with just seven remaining under protection due to poaching gangs. Rhino horns are in high demand because of the mistaken belief that they cure fevers and other illnesses. **METRO**

Rhino ambassadors



"It's impossible to say what proportion of poached rhinos is left alive and wounded."

Ann and Steve Toon, wildlife photographers and Save the Rhino activists. The British couple took the picture above on a tour of rhino conservation projects in Africa, while also documenting the slaughter of the animals.

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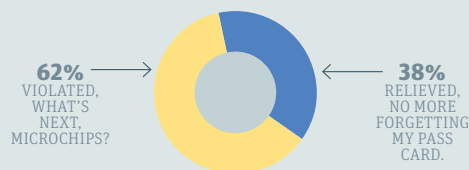
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Daniel Day-Lewis' portrayal of Abraham Lincoln has him as an early Oscar favourite this year. DAVID JAMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Day-Lewis filling big shoes in character and competition



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Mark S. Reinhart, author of Abraham Lincoln on Screen, claims the 16th President of the United States, "is the most frequently portrayed American historical figure in the history of the film and television arts."

Portrayed more than 300 times on film and TV, Honest Abe has done everything from pardon a sentry who fell asleep on duty in the 1908 short film *The Reprieve: An Episode in the Life of Abraham Lincoln*, to getting revenge on his assassin in

Police Squad to teaming up with Star Trek's Captain Kirk to explain the concepts of good and evil to the aliens of Excalbia.

In this weekend's *Lincoln*, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, the president oversees the passing of the 13th Amendment, guaranteeing freedom for the country's slaves and ending the Civil War.

Day-Lewis is a lock for an Oscar nomination, and a favorite to win, but his portrayal stands in the shadow of two movie legends.

Henry Fonda played the title character in *Young Mr. Lincoln*, a melodramatic and inaccurate chronicle of Abe's formative years.

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For a certain generation, however, Lincoln might be best remembered for a speech that began with, "Fourscore and seven minutes ago..." and ended with, "Party on, dudes!"

boots that made him appear taller, Fonda was honoured to play the president.

"I felt as if I were portraying Christ himself on film," he said.

Canadian-born Raymond Massey played Lincoln mul-

multiple times on stage and film. He was so attached to the character a colleague joked that Massey wouldn't be satisfied with his Lincoln impression until someone assassinated him.

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But Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure isn't the only movie to take a light-hearted look at the Great Emancipator.

In *Coneheads*, Dan Aykroyd's character uses Abe's famous stovepipe top hat to cover his oblong head.

One of Brendan Fraser's

seven wishes in *Bedazzled* is to be president.

But he soon learns to be careful what he wishes for when he is zapped back into history as Lincoln himself as he watches a play at Ford's Theatre.

Abe also gets a laugh in *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* when the Lincoln Memorial comes to life.

Perhaps the strangest portrayal came earlier this year. *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* is exactly as advertised, leading one critic to call it, "a funny, scary, and cheer-worthy adventure that somehow manages to make the 16th President of the United States a bad-ass action hero."

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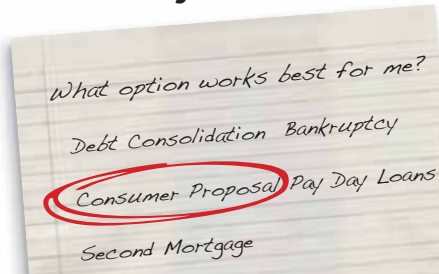
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Movie Review



Best Bond in years

Skyfall

Actors. Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem, Judy Dench

When a terrorist hacker leads a deadly cyber attack on MI6 headquarters, 007 (Daniel Craig) springs into action at the request of his boss and mentor M (Judy Dench). His investigation leads him to Raoul Silva (Javier Bardem), a psychotic criminal interested in revenge.

Skyfall is the most thematically mature Bond movie yet, paying homage to the past, while redefining the future of the franchise. It's also the most purely entertaining Bond in ages, with a bad guy for a new generation and a heady mix of action and intellect that will leave you shaken and stirred. **RICHARD CROUSE**

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Mayim Bialik, who earned a best supporting Emmy nomination on *Big Bang Theory*, still struggles to explain the show's success.

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Even neuroscientist Mayim Bialik can't explain *Big Bang* popularity

Canadian television. Sitcom's success in the North continues to defy odds and baffle one of the actresses who stars in the show

The most watched TV show in Canada — by far — is *The Big Bang Theory*. It has been topping weekly Canadian ratings charts for years.

The six-year-old CBS sitcom regularly draws between 3.5 and 4 million viewers a week on CTV. The Canadian network also airs reruns of *The Big Bang Theory* weeknights during the supper hour. Those reruns outdraw much of what is seen in prime time across all networks in Canada.

CTV is even using the series to sway viewers away from CBC during the hockey stoppage. Saturday marathons of the comedy were being billed as *Big Bang Night* in Canada until CBC complained. They are currently outdrawing CBC's *Your Pick* classic hockey

reruns by more than a five-to-one margin. The series is also a popular draw on CTV's specialty channel The Comedy Network.

Usually, when a network over-uses a series to this extent, it drives it into the ground. The famous example is *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, a runaway success in the '90s until ABC started airing it four nights a week across its schedule.

Yet *Big Bang* remains bullet proof. Why can't Canadians get enough of it?

The question was put to an actual neuroscientist: Mayim Bialik. She also happens to star on the series as Sheldon's brilliant but frustrated girlfriend Amy.

"I think they're laughing at us, that's the problem," she deadpanned at a CBS press party held at the most recent Television Critics Association gathering in Los Angeles.

Doing deadpan is a Bialik specialty. The 36-year-old has been using that acting trick ever since her days as a child star on the early '90s sitcom *Blossom*.

Background on Bialik

Mayim Bialik joined *The Big Bang Theory* at the tail end of Season Three as Dr. Amy Farrah Fowler.

- **Character.** She plays the "friend that's a girl, not a girlfriend" to brainy fuss pot Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons). At first a recurring character, she became a regular half way through the fourth season. Last season she earned a best supporting Emmy nomination.

Bialik really has no idea why the series gets a bigger bang in Canada.

"The Canadian and United States sense of humour is similar," she observes. "I don't think there's anything mystical about that."

"Maybe," she speculates, "people are more inclined to like nerdy people in Canada."

It may also help that the series' theme song is performed by the nerdiest of Can-

adian bands, the Barenaked Ladies.

For much of the last decade, Bialik was more focused on studies than sitcoms.

"I had never heard of *The Big Bang Theory*. I didn't watch TV, I don't watch TV," Bialik said.

Accepted at both Harvard and Yale, she chose to stick close to home and pursue her degrees at UCLA. That's where she completed her doctorate in neuroscience. Married with two children, she's also written a book on child rearing, *Beyond the Sling: A Real Life Guide to Raising Confident, Loving Children the Attachment Parenting Way*.

One thing her kids — ages seven and four — are not attached to is television. The oldest saw his first TV this summer during the Olympics. Neither has seen *Big Bang* or *Blossom*.

"I grew up with some of the best and worst sitcoms of the '80s," she says.

All that exposure to the boob tube didn't seem to rot her brain — or kill her TV career. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A Great Big 20 years of making music

Great Big Sea. Band takes a look back with career-spanning retrospective collection

The members of Great Big Sea haven't spent much time looking back over the years — and they've spent even less time patting each other on the back.

"Kicking each other in the ass is probably more like it," laughed the band's Bob Hallett in an interview this week in Toronto, seated next to front-man Alan Doyle.

Well, that changed as the band reached its 20th anniversary, marking the occasion with the newly released career-spanning retrospective XX, available either as a two-disc collection or a four-CD, one-DVD boxed set, replete with oddities, rarities and eccentricities sure to appeal to fans with a completist streak.

Since the St. John's, N.L., folk-rock troubadours were already reflecting, The Canadian Press asked Hallett and Doyle to retrace their steps along a journey that almost exclusively followed those roads less travelled.

Putting this collection together required re-visiting a lot of old tunes. Did you feel the impulse to change anything?

Alan Doyle: God yes.
Bob Hallett: Everything. Given time, we would have gone back and re-recorded it all again. (Laughs.) But what was fun was to hear ideas that went astray or got left behind ... and say, "No, that was a great one. Why did we let that go?" Or, "That was terrible. Why did we persist so long?"

Is there a record you look back on more fondly than the rest?

Doyle: (1995's) Up ... was a crash course in how to make a record. We felt the weight of expectations. I just remember realizing halfway through that we really had no clue what we were doing and we couldn't speak a musical language that every other musician could seemingly speak. I remember Danny Greenspoon produced that record and he would say very common musical terms, like, "Just sing a third above and we'll go from there." Well, I have no idea what that is. What



Canadian band members of Great Big Sea Alan Doyle, right, and Bob Hallett in Toronto on Nov. 2. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

does that mean?

Hallett: The one for me that stands out ... would probably be (2005's) The Hard and the Easy record. After a long period of being heavily produced and making records very quickly and really worrying about how they'd sell ... that record was made in an atmosphere of complete indifference and

freedom. No one was expecting it to sell. There's not a song on that that I can't listen to and say, "That's a great song."

So, how about the opposite — is there an album you look upon less fondly?

Hallett: I would echo Alan — Up. Even though it's a record that sold almost a mil-

lion copies, I find it painful to listen to because I hear us struggling with the process, and trying to come to grips with the idea of making records like a real band, and re-learning our instruments and how to sing and everything. I remember how difficult it was, to turn into professionals overnight. Doyle: We realized very quickly how in over our heads we were. Hallett: Oh my God. We're phonies. We're complete frauds.

Not many bands make it 20 years. How do you maintain harmony?

Doyle: The way to be in a band for a lifetime is to want to be in a band for a lifetime. Not to want to have the greatest summer of your life or to have a No. 1 single and then go and spend the money on a plane.

Was there ever a time in those 20 years where you worried the band would break up?

Doyle: Only every day. Constantly. You constantly worry. And if worry is too strong a word, it's constant-

ly on our minds because we've always considered ourselves so lucky to get to do it. The only ones rowing the boat are us. It's not going to coast. So yeah, I think it's that kind of honest desire to keep it moving forward and a fear of it stopping that has always driven us.

You've been nominated for 11 Junos, but you've never won. Be honest: Does it bother you?

Doyle: Of course. Yeah. Hallett: Losing, that's fun! Doyle: We always put on our posters, "Juno nominees." Really what that means is Juno losers. The reason we haven't won a Juno is because it's hard to win a Juno, because there's a lot of good records. There's times where I've felt like the records that won the awards that year, well, of course they were going to win — they're amazing. There's other ones where I've thought, "I think we should have had a shot at that." But you know, it would be great to finally win one so we could take that "Juno losers" off our posters.

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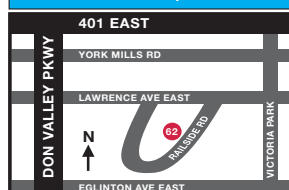
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Bruno Mars loves SNL's 'amazing operation'

Bruno Mars' recent appearance on Saturday Night Live was more like Saturday Night Fever: He says he had so much fun hosting the show, he'd be happy to do it again.

"Whatever SNL wants from me, they can always call me," the smiling 27-year-old said in an interview. "I don't know who told them I can act or anything 'cause I can't. I don't know what they saw. (But) whatever they need from me, they can get."

The singer-songwriter's Oct. 20 appearance as host and musical guest gave the NBC variety show its second best ratings this season behind last week's episode, hosted by comedian Louis C.K.

Mars was praised for his hilarious and silly sketches, particularly one skit where he did impersonations of other musicians as a live fill-in at Pandora when the company's computers crashed.

"It was kind of a way for me to face my fears and just let it all hang loose, literally," he said, laughing. "People don't understand



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that they're changing things right before the show, so you can't memorize lines because they're going to change it. They cut sketches and it's an amazing operation. I wouldn't trade that experience for the world."

The Grammy winner says he watched the show days after it aired live, and that's when things started to sink in, especially seeing himself

dressed as a woman.

"I was like, 'Oh my god,'" he said, adding with a laugh: "Called my mom, 'Mom!'"

The SNL success is giving Mars a boost as he readies the release of his sophomore album, *Unorthodox Jukebox*, out Dec. 11. It features Esperanza Spalding, Mark Ronson, Jeff Bhasker, Diplo, Paul Epworth and others.

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Learn the messages in *Speaking in Tongues*

Toronto's Company Theatre has quickly become one of the most engaging theatre groups in the city and its latest tour de force, *Speaking in Tongues*, has only furthered this well-deserved reputation.

Written by Australian Andrew Bovell, *Speaking in Tongues* is a riveting look at human relationships strained by the disappearance of one woman.

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To further understand some of the messages embedded in this play, Sceneopolis is pleased to present: *On Stage and Behind the Wings*, a one of a kind evening set for Nov. 22.

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The cast of *Speaking in Tongues*. HANDOUT

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Speaking in Tongues is currently on stage at Toronto's Berkeley Street theatre until November 24th. Tickets are available via companytheatre.ca.

And where would relationships be without erotica? Also opening next week is: *SPANK! The Fifty Shades Parody*, which is making its Canadian premiere in Toronto at the Panasonic Theatre, Nov. 14. *SPANK!*, written by former Kids in the Hall Director Jim Mil-

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... for Ashton Kutcher to stop following in the footsteps of Charlie Sheen.

... for more Michael Fassbender — with or without pants on. Where did that guy get to?

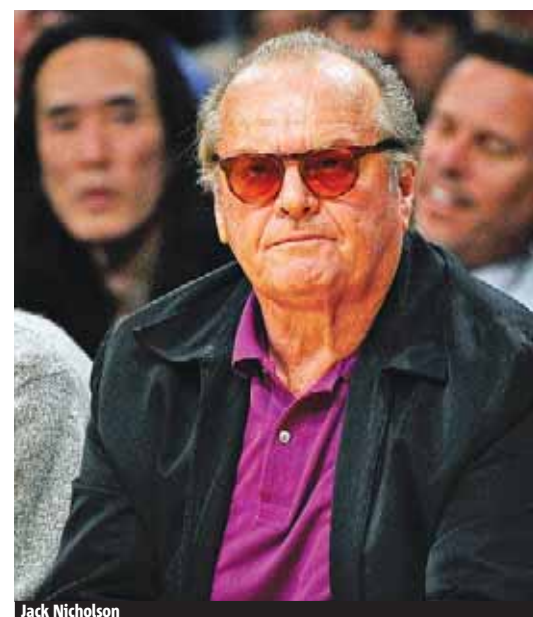


... for Christina Aguilera to not feel pressure to go crazy on the elliptical. You look good just the way you are, girl.

...for Matthew McConaughey's ongoing research into ways to reveal his chest on camera.

... for Ryan Reynolds to join Matrimonials Anonymous and admit he really just likes taking part in weddings.

... for Nicole Kidman to burn this dress immediately



Jack Nicholson

Nicholson: I'm no sex machine

Jack Nicholson isn't a fan of his reputation as a Hollywood Lothario.

"I am an extreme person. If someone says, 'Jack, you are a womanizer,' I don't deny it. But the life of a gigolo always ends badly," the 75-year-old Oscar-winner tells the

Sun. "That is one of the reasons I feel uncomfortable about all that 'sex legend' stuff." Nicholson also says that reports of his conquests — he's rumored to have bedded more than 2,000 women — are greatly exaggerated.

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With the Halloween candy barely eaten and Christmas carols already playing in the mall, you might be thinking of skipping out on the holiday stress. Here are a few ideas for destinations that are mercifully Christmas-free.

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Visit the Muslim Marrakesh, Morocco

Why? This atmospheric, iconic Moroccan city with its pink ramparts feels pretty festive all year round, and Christmas is a non-event here because Morocco is mainly a Muslim country.

How? By day, lose yourself in the warren of the maze-like medina old town, haggle over carpets in the sprawling souk, then unwind in a roasting hammam. By night, tuck into street food for supper from the steaming stalls that

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Escape to a paradise island, Vietnam

Why? If you're looking to escape the crowds, cold weather and commercialism, escape to the tropical paradise island of Phu Quoc in the Gulf of Thailand.

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Why? Instead of piling on the pounds at a family feast, lose them at a Thai detox spa instead.

How? Thailand is a mainly Buddhist

country, so you won't see Santa everywhere here, and besides, you'll find it hard to care during your cleanse. On the detox retreat at Samui Spa on the idyllic island of Koh Samui, you'll enjoy daily yoga, too.

Change the date for Christmas in Moscow, Russia

Why? The Russian Orthodox Christmas isn't until Jan. 7, so you get two whole weeks in which to give Christmas craziness the slip.

How? If you like

your winters white and your cities atmospheric, then Moscow is a top choice. You can skip Christmas here, but you do get the mother of all parties for New Years — when you can see 2013 by fuelling yourself with local vodka and joining the locals as they gather in Red Square to hear the Kremlin's bells peal.



Take a silent retreat at Mount Koya, Japan

Why? Tokyo may be lit up like a Christmas tree at this time of year and heaving with shoppers, but you can also go for a deeper and less superficial experience at Mount Koya, Japan.

How? Stay at the ninth century monastery at the top of Mount Koya,

two hours from Osaka, and you can trade commercialism for spiritualism. Fifty-three of the 120 temples here in this exquisite woodland wilderness host guests in traditional shukubo lodgings with rice-paper sliding doors, tatami mats and futons; some with private gardens complete with bonsai trees. You'll eat traditional Buddhist vegetarian food and can experience zazen, a type of meditation practiced by the monks here. shukubo.jp/eng

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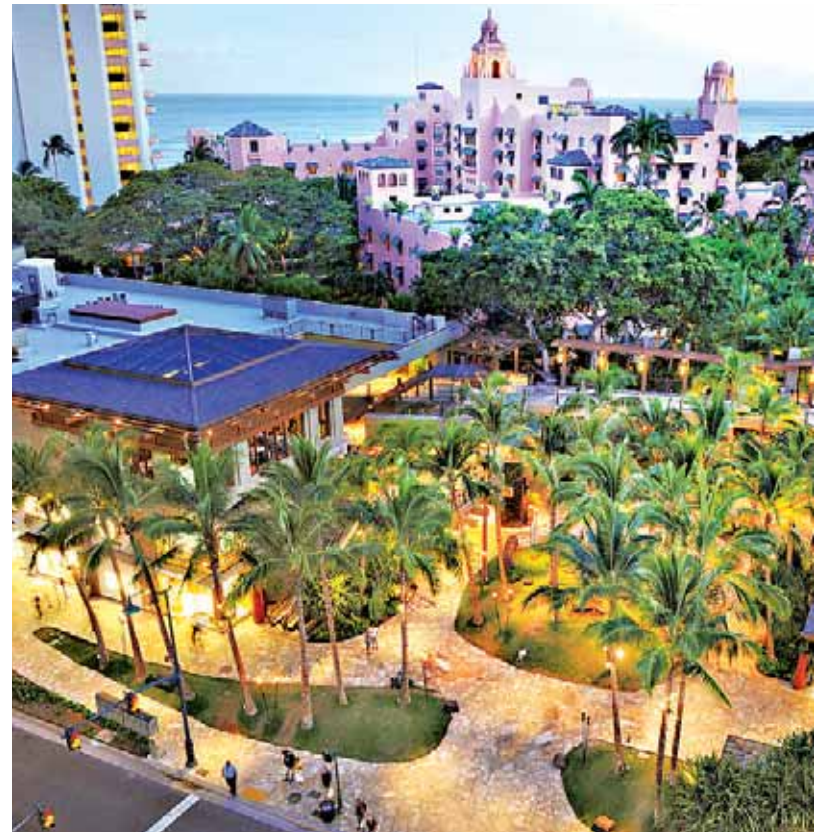
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Here's Honolulu ... and it's all for free



The Royal Hawaiian Center hosts free activities during the day and free music at night. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hawaii. It's not known as a budget-friendly destination, but paradise doesn't have to break the bank — here are some ideas

Airfare, hotels, guided tours and pricey luaus — a Hawaii vacation can add up, especially now that hotel room prices are back on the rise.

But walk past the expensive hotels in Waikiki,

the tourist epicenter of Honolulu, and the greatest attraction of all awaits, for free: the beach.

With kilometres of coastline in Oahu, there's certain to be a sand, sea and surf spot to your liking.

But if that's not enough, there are plenty of other great things to see and do without spending a dime. Here are five:

Royal Hawaiian Band

This 32-member band, including three tuba players, a steel guitarist and

a bassoonist, dates back to the days the monarchy ruled Hawaii. The band was founded in 1836 by King Kamehameha III, and now runs as its own municipal agency. Today, it plays free concerts around Hawaii, with a standing date every Friday at noon at Iolani Palace near downtown.

Royal Hawaiian Center

This mall in Waikiki has its own cultural programming budget, offering free music every night and free activities every day, from



The Hawaii State Art Museum is located in the historic part of Honolulu.



The USS Arizona Memorial is a popular site in Pearl Harbor.



Enjoy the natural beauty of Hawaii on the Manoa Falls trail.



Catch the Royal Hawaiian Band's free concerts around Honolulu.

lei-making to hula and free performances twice weekly from dancers and musicians from the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Manoa Falls hike

This is one of the most popular hikes on Oahu, loved by tourists and locals for its natural beauty. Fair warning: Although it's only eight-tenths of a mile (1.2 kilometres), it's not exactly a cakewalk, but if you want something different or easier you can always go to the state's trail website - <http://goo.gl/hY4QL> - to find your path.

USS Arizona Memorial

This popular site at Pearl

Harbor is actually a grave, a resting place for crew members who died in the Pearl Harbor attack of Dec. 7, 1941. Visitors can see it on a first-come, first-serve basis, and many do to see a significant piece of history and pay respects to those who died.

Hawaii State Art Museum

The Hawaii State Art Museum is free and well-located in historic downtown Honolulu, offering a bonus of seeing other historic buildings in the neighbourhood. It's open five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday, and offers rotating exhibits.

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Autumn flavours get baked up in Cranberry Pear Crisp

There's just something that's so autumn about a warm crisp right out of the oven. While the most common crisp is made with apples, this one switches it up in a few ways.

Ground cardamom gives

this simple fall-friendly crisp a sweet-spicy flavour that you will smell as much as taste.

Meanwhile, pears and cranberries make a delicious combination that's both sweet and tart.

Don't worry too much

about which type of oats to use in a recipe such as this.

Though old fashioned rolled oats are the best, feel free to use the "quick" variety if that's what you happen to have. The differences won't be tremendous.

salt. Stir together until the mixture just forms moistened crumbs and small clumps. Set aside.

3. To make the filling, in a medium bowl, toss together the peeled, cored and sliced pears, cranberries, brown sugar, cardamom, salt and cornstarch.

4. Spread the mixture evenly into the prepared pan. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the filling. Bake for about 1 hour, or until the pears are tender and bubbling and the topping is well browned.

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1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a 9-by-9-inch pan with cooking spray.

2. To make the topping, in a medium bowl use an electric mixer to beat together the room-temperature butter and brown sugar until they are creamy. Add the all-purpose flour, oats, cinnamon and

Ingredients

Topping

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup oats (see above)
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt

Filling

- 8 pears, peeled, cored and sliced
- 8-oz package frozen or fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 1/4 tsp salt
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The difference with Saracino is that he never lost sight of his long-term goals and was

fueled by his passion for the fashion industry.

He began putting together the window displays for the Guess location where he worked. His displays were so eye-catching that when Marciano himself was performing store visits, he noticed the displays — and Saracino — and flew him out to work in Los Angeles.

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We believe that Ontario dental assistants will be regulated one day. Until then, we would encourage you to ask your dentist if they hire only ODAA certified dental assistants to work in the office. At least, that's one good reason to smile.



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But what do your gums have to do with heart disease or pregnancy?

"This is an area of great research right now in oral health care, in North America and around the world," says Dr. Peter Doig, president-elect of the CDA. "Poor oral health can cause problems with any other health problem that

you may have in the body. (This may be) a result of the inflammatory process, and the products that are created within the body as a result of inflammation and infection. The associations have been made — cardiovascular diseases and diabetes are two of the big ones."

Oral diseases are startlingly common. Up to 80 per cent of Canadians will be affected by gum disease at some point in their lives, the CDA says — and this disease is the leading cause of tooth loss in Canada.

— Nina Dragicevic

ORAL HEALTH GOES BEYOND GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

Step away from the vending machine. And skip that café mocha.

Oral health care isn't just brushing, flossing and visits to the dentist, says dental hygiene educator Kimberley Laing. "I would say the first thing is to eat well."

Laing, who is also the Greater Vancouver director for the British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association, notes that dental professionals likely spend more time educating clients about oral hygiene, and less time on good nutrition.

"For healthy eating, a lot of people think of just (avoiding) sweet things," Laing says, "but you should also avoid

sticky things — food that is retentive."

Potato chips, pretzels and other starchy snacks, for example, can pack into the crevices of your teeth and may linger long after you have finished eating. High-carbohydrate foods in general are fertile breeding grounds for bacteria. (If you really must indulge, at least try to swish your mouth out with water afterwards — or brush.)

Laing says that your daily beverage habit, while racking up empty calories, is also destructive to your teeth.

Juices, pop, vitamin drinks, sports beverages, energy drinks and specialty coffees might as well be considered liquid candy. If you find yourself regu-

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Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos says not having a manager in place hasn't hindered his off-season free-agent and trade negotiations, but he'd still like to hire a new bench boss "sooner rather than later."

"I'd like to get it done as soon as I can, but we're not going to force it or have it rushed."

The manager vacancy has "come up" in discussions with free agents, Anthopoulos said. "But so far, I haven't seen it be a problem. I haven't seen it be an issue in terms of potentially signing free agents and things like that."

Anthopoulos said he has no timeline on hiring a new manager, but it will "definitely" be before baseball's winter meetings, which will be held from Dec. 3 to 6 in Nashville, Tenn.

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NBA

Lowry leaves game in Raptors' loss to Thunder

Toronto Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry had to be helped off the court after suffering an apparent ankle injury against Oklahoma City.

Lowry appeared to twist his right ankle after landing on Thunder forward-centre Serge Ibaka's foot while going for a rebound in the second quarter of Tuesday night's 108-88 loss in Oklahoma City.

He did not return for the second half.

Lowry entered Toronto's fourth game of the season averaging 23.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and seven assists per game.

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Federer begins season-ending event in dominant fashion

Roger Federer of Switzerland plays a return to Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia during their singles tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals on Tuesday in London, England. Federer opened his quest for a seventh season-ending tour title looking like the man to beat — again. The 17-time Grand Slam champion won his record 40th match at the tournament, defeating Tipsarevic 6-3, 6-1 in his opening Group B match.

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Fehr optimistic as negotiations resume

Back to the table.

League, players attempt to bridge gap in New York on lockout's 52nd day

The NHL and NHL Players' Association didn't just return to the bargaining table on Tuesday. They stayed there for a good long time.

Talks restarted at an undisclosed location midway through the afternoon and were still ongoing more than five hours later, according to sources.

It was a potentially en-

Quoted



"We're hopeful that we'll start bargaining and we'll continue bargaining until we find a way to make a deal."

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr ahead of Tuesday's negotiations

couraging sign with the negotiations at a critical juncture and the sides expected to hold another session on Wednesday. The NHL requested that the meetings be held in a private setting because it thought it increased the odds that progress could be made.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, met reporters about 90 minutes before

talks resumed and expressed a desire to see the parties start closing in on an agreement.

The sides hadn't held a formal meeting since Oct. 18 in Toronto, when the NHL took about 10 minutes to dismiss three proposals put forward by the union.

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby was among the players who at-

tended that meeting and he also flew to New York on Tuesday after making a "last-minute" decision to sit in on this one.

The biggest issue the sides have to bridge a gap on is the mechanism that would see all existing contracts honoured in full, even after the players' overall share in revenue is reduced to 50 per cent from its current position of 57 per cent. A "make whole" provision in the NHL's Oct. 16 offer attempted to do that, but the NHLPA didn't like that deferred payments would count against the earning potential of future players.

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Owens thankful for opportunity in Toronto

CFL. After record-setting 2012 season, Argos star looks to do more big things in playoffs

He's one of the CFL's most dangerous players, capable of turning a game with a big return on special teams or clutch reception.

But three years ago Chad Owens was out of football, unsure if he'd get another chance at a pro career. That opportunity finally came in June 2010 with the Toronto Argonauts and Owens has been running with it ever since.

"Do I think about it? Yeah," Owens said Tuesday. "I reflect on that only to understand how fortunate I am to be in this position and realize you have to take advantage of every opportunity."

"I'm just truly thankful and blessed to be here, to continue my career doing big things in the playoffs moving towards our goal of winning the Grey Cup."

The 30-year-old Hawaiian enjoyed a banner 2012 season, highlighted by amassing a pro football-record 3,863 all-purpose yards. Owens also registered 94 catches for a league-high 1,328 yards and six TDs while also being tops in kickoff returns (71 for 1588 yards).

Owens helped lead Toronto (9-9) to second place in the East Division and the right to host



Chad Owens celebrates setting the CFL all-purpose yards record last Thursday at Rogers Centre.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Quoted

"This league, this game, this career is all about getting the right opportunity at the right time.... All it takes is opportunity."

Toronto Argonaut Chad Owens

its first home playoff game since 2007. The Argos face the Edmonton Eskimos in the conference semifinal Sunday.

"It's a new season and already mentally it feels that way," Owens said.

"You almost forget you've just played 18 regular-season

Niche found

Chad Owens began his CFL career with Montreal in '09 before being dealt to the Argos in June 2010.

- He made an immediate impact in Toronto, being named the league's top special-teams player.
- In the off-season, Owens spurned an offer from the New York Jets to sign a three-year extension (two plus an option) with the Argos before becoming the first player in CFL history to surpass 3,000 all-purpose yards in consecutive seasons in 2011.

games and the grind your body has been through. Something inside just triggers me and it's a fresh start."

Owens enjoyed a brilliant college career in Hawaii, becoming the school's all-time leader in all-purpose yards and in 2004 claimed the Mosi Tatupu Award as U.S. college football's top special-teams player. But after being selected in the sixth round of the '05 NFL draft by Jacksonville, Owens had short stints with the Jaguars and Tampa Bay before signing with the Colorado Crush of the Arena Football League and heading north of the border after just one AFL season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CFL. Esks starters yet to be determined

Edmonton head coach Kavis Reed has two huge decisions to make before the Eskimos meet the Toronto Argonauts in Sunday's CFL East semifinal and both will have big impacts on the team's offence.

On Tuesday, the two big questions surrounding the team were who will start at quarterback and what's the

status of running back Hugh Charles.

The quarterback position has been a turnstile all season with Kerry Joseph, Steven Jyles and Matt Nichols all failing to establish themselves as No. 1. Charles was the featured running back early, but injuries to other backs prompted the Eskimos to bring in Cory Boyd

and Jerome Messam.

Charles missed the last two games with a knee injury but on Monday declared himself 100 per cent ready. Who Reed will go with won't be revealed until late in the week and Reed said Charles would be evaluated daily before any decision is made.

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Quoted



"We feel Cory has earned the right to be part of the conversation as a featured back in our offence this week."

Edmonton coach Kavis Reed on former Argos Cory Boyd's chances of starting on Sunday at Rogers Centre

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NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	3	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	1/2
Orlando	2	0	1.000	1/2
Miami	3	1	.750	1/2
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Cleveland	2	2	.500	11/2
Charlotte	1	1	.500	11/2
Brooklyn	1	1	.500	11/2
Atlanta	1	1	.500	11/2
Indiana	2	2	.500	11/2
Boston	1	2	.333	2
Toronto	1	2	.333	2
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	2
Washington	0	2	.000	21/2
Detroit	0	3	.000	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	4	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	1	.750	1
Minnesota	2	1	.667	11/2
Golden State	2	2	.500	2
Houston	2	1	.667	11/2
Memphis	2	1	.667	11/2
New Orleans	2	1	.667	11/2
L.A. Clippers	2	2	.500	2
Portland	2	2	.500	2
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	21/2
Sacramento	1	3	.250	3
Utah	1	3	.250	3
L.A. Lakers	1	3	.250	3
Phoenix	1	3	.250	3
Denver	0	3	.000	31/2

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Tuesday's results
Toronto at Oklahoma City
Orlando at Chicago
Detroit at Denver
Monday's results
New York 110 Philadelphia 88
Minnesota 107 Brooklyn 96
Miami 124 Phoenix 99
Memphis 103 Utah 94
San Antonio 101 Indiana 79
Dallas 114 Portland 91
Sacramento 94 Golden State 92
Cleveland 108 L.A. Clippers 101
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Oklahoma City at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Brooklyn at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

AHL				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Manchester	8	5	2	0
Worcester	10	4	4	1
St. John's	11	5	6	0
Portland	8	4	3	1
Providence	8	3	5	0
NORTHEAST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Springfield	9	6	1	0
Bridgeport	8	5	3	0
Connecticut	9	4	4	1
Adirondack	9	4	5	0
Albany	8	2	5	0
EAST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Norfolk	8	6	2	0
Syracuse	8	5	1	1
Binghamton	9	4	4	1
Hershey	9	4	4	1
W-B/Scranton	9	4	5	0
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
NORTH DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Abbotsford	9	6	1	0
Lake Erie	11	7	3	1
Rochester	10	6	3	1
Hamilton	8	4	2	1
Toronto	8	3	4	0
MIDWEST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Chicago	11	7	3	1
Rockford	10	5	4	0
Grand Rapids	10	4	4	1
Milwaukee	9	4	5	0
Peoria	9	2	5	1
SOUTH				
	GP	W	L	OTL
Charlotte	11	7	3	0
Houston	10	5	3	1
Oklahoma City	10	5	4	0
San Antonio	9	4	4	0
Texas	8	3	5	0

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.
Tuesday's result
Chicago 2 Charlotte 1
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Norfolk at Bridgeport, 11 a.m.
Milwaukee at Grand Rapids, 11 a.m.
St. John's at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Syracuse at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Friday's games
Bridgeport at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Rockford at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Albany at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Syracuse at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Lake Erie at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS				
MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Promoted director of sales and fan service Neil Aloise to vice-president of ticketing and fan services, director of communications Greg Bader to vice-president of communications and marketing, and director of finance Mike Hoppes to vice-president of finance.				
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named David Stearns assistant general manager.				
NEW YORK YANKEES—Claimed RHP David Herndon off waivers from Toronto and LHP Josh Spence off waivers from San Diego.				
SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed OF Scott Cousins off waivers from Toronto.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
NEW YORK METS—Announced C Mike Nicketas and OF Fred Lewis declined outright assignments and elected to become free agents.				
NBA				
NBA—Fined L.A. Lakers G Steve Blake \$25,000 for directing inappropriate language toward a fan. Fined New Orleans Hornets coach Monty Williams \$25,000 for public comments criticizing the league's concussion policy.				
NFL				
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Waived G Jeremy Bridges from injured reserve.				
ATLANTA FALCONS—Placed G Garrett Reynolds on injured reserve. Signed G Phil-Keith Manley.				
BUFFALO BILLS—Placed CB Terrence McGee and OT Erik Pears on injured reserve. Released PK John Potter. Signed WR Marcus Easley from the practice squad. Signed WR Chris Hogan to the practice squad.				
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed WR/KR Ke-aloha Pilares on injured reserve. Activated WR David Gettis from the physically-unable-to-perform list.				
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released FB Jourdan Brooks from the practice squad. Signed C Scott Wedge to the practice squad.				
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed LB Jerrell Harris to the practice squad.				
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Activated LB Aaron Curry from the physically-unable-to-perform list. Released LB Vic So'oto.				
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released WR Charly Martin. Released WR Lavasier Tuinei from the practice squad.				
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed CB LaQuan Lewis from the practice squad. Released CB Brandon McDonald. Signed TE LaMark Brown to the practice squad.				
TENNESSEE TITANS—Waived DE Pannel Egboh.				
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released CB David Jones and LS Justin Snow. Signed CB Domonique Johnson from the practice squad. Activated LS Nick Sundberg from injured reserve.				
CFL				
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Announced the contract of assistant general manager and director of football operations Ross Hodgkinson will not be renewed.				

CFL				
PLAYOFFS				
Sunday's games				
DIVISION SEMIFINALS				
Byes: B.C., Montreal				
East Division				
Edmonton at Toronto, 1 p.m.				
West Division				
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 4:30 p.m.				
Sunday, Nov. 18 — All Times Eastern				
DIVISION FINALS				
East Division				
Semifinal Winner at Montreal, 1 p.m.				
West Division				
Semifinal Winner at B.C., 4:30 p.m.				
Sunday, Nov. 25				
100TH GREY CUP				
At Toronto				
East vs. West Winners, 6 p.m.				

SCORING LEADERS					
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	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
McCallum, BC	0	47	44	8	187
Paredes, Cal	0	49	40	1	170
Congli, Ham	0	49	40	2	171
Whyte, Mtl	0	50	33	9	158
Palardy, Wpg	0	31	39	6	154
Shaw, Edm	0	40	32	11	147
Waters, Tor	0	29	32	7	132
DeAngelis, Sask	0	26	30	2	118
x-C.Williams, Ham	15	2	0	0	92
Dressler, Sask	14	0	0	0	84
Cornish, Cal	13	0	0	0	78
Sheets, Sask	13	0	0	0	78
Harris, BC	11	0	0	0	66
x-Lewis, Cal	10	2	0	0	62
Milo, Sask	0	16	11	12	61
McPherson, Mtl	9	0	0	0	54
Whitaker, Mtl	9	0	0	0	54
x-Fantuz, Ham	8	6	0	0	54
Charles, Edm	8	0	0	0	48
Stamps, Edm	8	0	0	0	48
Walker, Ham	8	0	0	0	48
x-Matthews, Wpg	7	4	0	0	46

TENNIS				
ATP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS				
At London, England				
Round Robin				
Singles				
Group B				
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, 6-3, 6-1.				
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Juan Martin del Potro (6), Argentina, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.				
Standings: Federer 1-0 (sets 2-0), Ferrer 1-0 (2-1), del Potro 0-1 (1-2), Tipsarevic 0-1 (0-2).				
Doubles				
Group A				
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (3), Czech Republic, def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (7), Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.				
Standings: Paes-Stepanek 1-0 (2-0), Granollers-Lopez 1-0 (2-1), Bryan-Bryan 0-1 (1-2), Qureshi-Rojer 0-1 (0-2).				
Group B				
Jonathan Marray, Britain, and Frederik Neilsen (8), Denmark, def. Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (5), India, 6-4, 6-7 (1), 12-10.				
Standings: Marray-Nielsen 1-0 (2-1), Mirnyi-Nestor 1-0 (2-1), Bhupathi-Bopanna 0-1 (1-2), Lindstedt-Tecau 0-1 (1-2).				

NFL				
AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
EAST				
	W	L	T	Pct
New England	5	3	0	.625
Miami	4	4	0	.500
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375
SOUTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
Houston	7	1	0	.875
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333
Jacksonville	1	7	0	.125
NORTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222
WEST				
	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	5	3	0	.625
San Diego	4	4	0	.500
Oakland	3	5	0	.375
Kansas City	1	7	0	.125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
EAST				
	W	L	T	Pct
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375
Dallas	3	5	0	.375
Washington	3	6	0	.333
SOUTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
Atlanta	8	0	0	1.000
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	.500
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375
Carolina	2	6	0	.250
NORTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
Chicago	7	1	0	.875
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556
Detroit	4	4	0	.500
WEST				
	W	L	T	Pct
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750
Seattle	5	4	0	.556
Arizona	4	5	0	.444
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375

WEEK 9
Monday's result
New Orleans 28 Philadelphia 13
WEEK 10
Thursday, November 8
All Times Eastern
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, November 11
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS				
SEMIFINALS				
(two-game, total-goals series)				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
D.C. UNITED VS. NEW YORK				
(Series tied 1-1)				
Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern				
D.C. at New York, 8 p.m.				
KANSAS CITY VS. HOUSTON				
(Houston leads series 2-0)				
Wednesday's game				
Houston at Kansas City, 9 p.m.				

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Get ready for the Ram 1500



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Fuel economy

For fuel-saving measures, a thermal management system rapidly warms engine and transmission fluids, allowing them to function more efficiently, sooner, which also helps save gas. Then there's a stop-start system that shuts off the engine (while still maintaining necessary electric-powered

Engine

Chrysler has finally decided to install its 3.6-litre V6 and eight-speed automatic transmission between the Ram's flanks, replacing the 3.7-litre V6. The result is a significant 90-horsepower gain (to 305) and a torque increase to 269 pound-feet from 235. The new powertrain makes a world of difference.

Ram 1500

- **Type.** Two/Four-door, rear/four-wheel drive.
- **Engines (hp);** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (305), 4.7-litre SOHC V8 (310), 5.7-litre OHV V8 (395)
- **Transmission.** Eight speed auto., six speed auto. (4.7).
- **Base price (incl.destination).** \$28,500

Design

Outwardly, the new Ram's forward-angled grille juts out as before, like an overbite, and fronts the same cab and box sizes. However, the nose is now 2.5 centimetres higher, the headlights are updated and the grille can be specified with fuel-saving shutters that automatically close at highway speeds.

By comparison



1 Ford F-150
Base price: \$21,700



2 Toyota Tundra
Base price: \$27,800



3 Chevrolet Silverado
Base price: \$28,250

Review. Modifications say Ram is taking its future seriously

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The changes were really a long-time coming.

The 2013 Ram 1500 arrives with enough new content engineered into its soul to gain plenty of traction with the tough pickup crowd. Whether it's enough to entice Ford and General Motors supporters to join the Ram flock remains to be seen, but as the nation's economic health remains relatively strong, so should the fortunes of all light and medium-

duty truck brands.

Now operating as its own unit apart from Chrysler's Dodge division, the Ram brand — specifically the 1500 series — receives some critical mid-product-cycle adjustments that are significant on a number of fronts. Carrying over, and exclusive to the job-site Tradesmen model, is a 310-horsepower 4.7-litre V8 connected to a six-speed automatic transmission.

Rams fitted with the eight-speed come with a rotary shift dial on the lower left corner of the centre stack, replacing the previous column or console-mounted shifter. The interior also features an available touch-screen access for communications and audio devices as well as for Wi-Fi Internet access.

Further changes to the



Apart from the interior being a feast for the eyes, the dash has no shift lever. That's the job of the large knob on the centre stack just to the right of the steering wheel.

Ram involve adopting a stiffened frame that's also lighter by about 14 kilograms. Alone that's not much, but combined with a lighter base powertrain and front suspension and the

combined savings reaches the 60-kilogram range.

The Ram also becomes the first in its class to offer key-fob-controlled air suspension on Quad and Crew models that

features five ride height settings. In addition, the Ram makes giant strides in areas that matter most while actually improving power and towing capacity, things that make people want to buy trucks in the first place.

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Sales surge — Automakers expect their showrooms to be buzzing in 2013

Car buyers want it all. Technology, being green and fuel efficiency top list of wants as big, small brands are reborn and prepare for battle

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On-demand technology, increased fuel efficiency, horsepower, luxury . . . these are just a few line items finicky new car buyers are demanding as they head to showrooms this fall to shop and sample the invasion of 2013 models.

And the automakers are paying attention.

Improving health in the new-car market, coupled with an insatiable consumer appetite for both creature comforts and better fuel economy, will make this battle for 2013 sales dominance the fiercest manufacturers have faced since the U.S. economy crashed several years ago.

"This is an exciting time for both the industry and the consumer," said Matthew Keegan, editor and publisher of Auto Trends Magazine. "Car buyers made it clear what they want. We'll see who best delivers."

Shrinking engine sizes, a greater use of eight-speed transmissions, along with more power-boosting turbochargers and direct fuel injection systems highlight the notable improvements the 2013 models offer compared to the 2012s, at least under the hood.

"Engine technology is improving and these (initiatives) are all spreading across the entire industry," Keegan said. "Anything under the hood is now designed to make cars get better fuel efficiency without compromising power. These improvements have

been going on about the last three years. But it's stepping up now with the (U.S.) federal government requiring higher fuel standards."

Rebirth is the keyword for 2013 as popular automakers are trying to become relevant in markets dominated in recent years by some of the top-selling models in the world.

The Cadillac ATS is taking direct aim at the BMW 3-series and the Infiniti G37 for compact-luxury-sedan supremacy.

The sporty Dodge Dart — built on an Alfa Romeo platform and the first joint effort from Chrysler and Fiat — is another roomy compact, trying to make an immediate splash in the 2013 market.

Other tried-and-true models such as the Nissan Altima, Honda Accord and Ford Fusion are all hoping to hold or help their place in the new-car market with complete redesigns.

And competition among hybrids and plug-in models will also be hotter than ever this season with a broader selection and a stronger commitment from car builders.

Sprinkle in another 30-plus all-new nameplates heading to showroom floors and the sales push becomes even greater for a consumer demographic armed with higher confidence and gentler credit terms to help guide their purchase decision.

All of these choices and competition comes at a time when the average age of a car on North American roads is 11 years, creating what automakers hope will be a bull market, loaded with buyers less reluctant to purchase big-ticket items in a rebounding automotive economy.

Forbes Magazine reports that automakers recently enjoyed their best August since before the 2007-'09 recession, selling 1.3 million cars and trucks for the

month. And auto blog Real World Road Tests paints a rosy sales forecast well into the 2013 calendar year.

"The number of quality choices in vehicles today is truly staggering. If you were an auto enthusiast that had yourself cryogenically frozen in the 'bad old days' of the '70s and '80s and then woke up today, you'd think you're in automotive heaven."

With competition comes choice, and the 2013 lineup provides plenty of both, even within specific models.

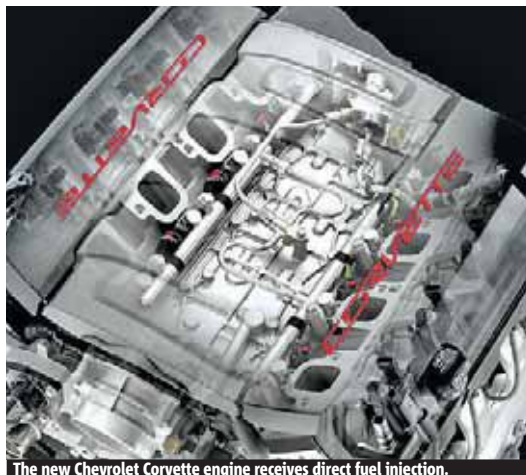
The Ford Fusion offers three separate four-cylinder gas engine, as well as gas/electric hybrid and plug-in hybrid options. The Honda Accord will eventually come in a plug-in hybrid



Lincoln has come out with this stunning design for 2013. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE



The new Hyundai Santa Fe is very typical of the high standard interior layout of 2013 models.



The new Chevrolet Corvette engine receives direct fuel injection.

version, with four- and six-cylinder engine options also available.

Power, performance and efficiency are important factors for new car buyers every year. But increasing demands for safety and in-car technology will also help drive new-car sales this season.

Most of the 2013 models offer improved safety through some combination of blind spot detection,

spot Internet access, hands-free cellular calling, as well as automatic 911 emergency roadside assistance are all part of the technology lineup featured in the 2013 models.

"Technology is the next frontier for manufacturers," Keegan said. "Improvements are being made in this area every year but there is still a lot to learn. This battle is just beginning."

One thing is certain; this isn't your father's automotive market. Design demands from choosy consumers stretch from bumper to bumper, including in-cabin designs.

Fuel efficiency is obviously important, but style also helps to define the 2013 model year, especially within the \$20,000 to \$30,000 lineup of cars.

From carbon-fibre veneers and noise insulation, to cup holders and power outlets, manufacturers are spending a lot of time, money, research and development on cockpit comfort, convenience and luxury.

The 2013 models highlight just how important design detail has become

with big-time luxury showing up in even the smallest of automobile packages, such as the sporty interiors featured in some Hyundai and Kia lines.

Quoted

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On the importance of technology to new cars hitting the market in 2013.

"Car buyers expect it all," Keegan said. "Today's cars are better equipped, more fuel efficient and stylish."

"More" generally costs more and if buyers have been out of the loop for a while, they might get a shock. Still, the selection in the under-\$25,000 range is enormous with some brands slashing prices. Volkswagen, for example dramatically cut the prices of the Jetta and Passat. The result? Not surprisingly, more vehicle sales.

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2003 to 2008 Infiniti FX

The Infiniti FX was easy to spot on the road, thanks to its distinctive sound, stand-out looks and athletic stance. One commercial called the FX a “sport sedan with a backpack.” A sporty premium crossover model from Nissan’s premium division, the first-generation of this machine hit the market for 2003 and became a popular contender in its segment. Feature content was the norm for the segment—and used shoppers can look for 20-inch wheels, memory seating, navigation, Bluetooth, premium Bose audio, rain-sensing wipers and plenty more.

Common issues

Some owners have reported electrical grounding issues as the FX ages. These can cause problems ranging from cooked ignition coil packs (which will result in a misfire) to damaged Engine Control Units (ECU)’s. Be sure the FX you’re considering isn’t exhibiting any signs of bad electrical grounds, and check that all electronics work properly, and that the engine and transmission work smoothly. An Infiniti mechanic can give the sensor network and electrical system in the FX you’re considering a check, just to be safe. Check the seats for signs of excessive wear, inspecting the leather where it’s stitched together.



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Inspect the dashboard for signs of cracking as well. Ensure proper operation of all motorized seat functions, as well as the fuel gauge

Engine



Look for six or eight-cylinder engines with about 280 or 320 horsepower, respectively. Automatic transmissions and all-wheel drive were fitted to all models and both engines drink premium gas.

What owners like



Head-turning style, originality, impressive features, a refined driveline and overall performance and handling are all highly rated by FX owners. The confidence delivered by its AWD system in winter driving is also appreciated.

What owners dislike



Common complaints include expensive fuel bills, expensive winter tires, limited at-hand storage on board and limited trunk space.

Verdict

The V6-powered FX35 should be the least-expensive to fuel and insure. A clean bill of health from an Infiniti mechanic on the electrical system should precede ownership of a reliable crossover celebrated for its uniqueness and performance.

Tips on the importance of not being idle

Idling your vehicle affects the environment and your wallet. Here are a few facts you should know.

Cold starts vs. idling

You may believe that you’re doing the best for your vehicle by allowing it to “warm up” in the cold weather with a few minutes of idling. In fact, more than just the engine needs to be warmed up and this can only happen if the vehicle is moving. For an average vehicle, it takes about five kilometres of driving to warm

up the engine as well as the wheel bearings, steering, suspension, transmission and tires.

Shutting the engine down

One of the false arguments made to justify idling is that it costs money to shut the engine down. That is a complete misnomer. Ten seconds of idling consumes the same amount of fuel as starting the engine after shutting it down. As for the wear and tear factor on the battery and starter, it adds up to about \$10 per year,

compared to saving an average of 66-litres of gasoline a year by simply reducing idle time from five minutes to 30 seconds.

Idling and engine wear

Prolonged idling is also one of the worst things the owner can do to an engine. Aside from being a complete waste of fuel (you are traveling zero kilometres for the fuel consumed), excessive idling can contaminate the engine oil, which will lead to premature, and very costly, engine wear

down the road.

Keeping the tank topped-up

The practice of idling with a low fuel level not only stirs up any dirt in the tank, but it also promotes the build-up of condensation in the tank, especially in colder temperatures. Keeping the tank topped up minimizes both risks. “With 20% more cleaning agents than before, Shell Nitrogen Enriched Gasolines protect intake valves and fuel injectors from performance-robbing gunk while you drive. NEWS CANADA



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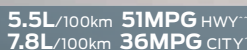
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Car owners have a love-hate thing going on with gas stations. We don't like giving them money, but when we need them, we need them bad. When we need them bad, only they can satisfy our feverish desire for lovely amber transportation fluid, tasty snacks, and semi-clean washrooms.

The age of public charging stations is upon us. With the continuing electrification of the automobile, gas stations are no longer the only "refueling" game in town. EVs (full electric vehicles) and PHEVs (plug in hybrids) can snub their aerodynamic noses at gas stations.

EVs and PHEVs mostly get charged at home, during the night. But electric car stakeholders are working toward a world where public charging stations will augment at-home charging, to facilitate more electric car adoption, and to expand their

respective daily ranges.

Chris Hill is president of Electric Mobility Canada, an association that includes virtually all those stakeholders — EV and PHEV manufacturers, provincial power utilities, battery and charging station companies, etc. Hill says there are currently about 200 public charging stations in Canada, most of which are located in Quebec.

Quebec and B.C. are leading the charge (pun not initially intended). "The Electric Circuit" is an initiative of the Hydro Quebec and is billed as the country's first public charging network. The 150 proposed stations would be located on the premises of partners, such as St-Hubert (the chicken chain), the cities of Montreal and Quebec, Rona, Metro (the grocery chain), Discount Car and Truck Rentals and AMT, which runs the province's commuter train services. Would-be chargers just buy the special \$25 user card from Hydro Quebec, good for 10 charges, and away they go...

AddEnergie, a Quebec-based charging station builder, will further boost the province's public charging infrastructure, with a proposed 80-station network. But Quebec will eventually be eclipsed by B.C. Through

the province's Clean Vehicle Initiative and Vancouver's goal to be the greenest city in the world by 2020, there will be lots of public stations going up soon in the province. Hill expects about 700 to be built there next year.

Public charging stations are a province-by-province thing, because electricity is a provincially regulated function. Hill adds that currently only provincially-regulated entities can "resell" electricity — hence their need to work with partners and vice-versa.

When corporate and municipal partners get involved, it's more often about promoting a green image and/or delivering a desirable customer service, because they're not the ones making the electricity or billing you for it.

A case in the point is the lone public charging station currently in Toronto. It's located close to City Hall in a visible spot in the Sheraton Centre, and the hotel doesn't charge you for the juice.

Where all the public charging stations should go is still up for discussion. Not up for discussion is the fact that they are definitely coming to Canada — maybe not as fast as they are populating in the U.S.

Charge!

EV Etiquette

Do not take the charging station spot if your vehicle doesn't require a cord to refuel*

Seriously!

Like any other cord, be careful to place it where no one can trip — including you

Plug-in hybrids should give preference to all-electric vehicles at charging stations

EV

PHEV

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- Put a note on your car letting people know when it's OK to unplug

When fully charged, move to a regular spot. Tools on your smartphone can help you find stations and let you know your battery status

If you charge at a friend's house, offer to pay for the "fuel" (whatever change you have in your pocket is plenty!)

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7:00	7:00
8:00	8:00
9:00	9:00
10:00	10:00
11:00	11:00
12:00	12:00

An etiquette guide to filling an electric car at a charging station. CONTRIBUTED

(where they already have 4,000 and counting), but they're definitely coming. And developing along with them will be a totally new refueling culture,

and one not based on the petroleum model.

Ford of Canada is already on the case. They published an infographic recently on EV charging

etiquette. They want to make sure courtesy and common sense gets a fair shake at the public charging station, and we're all for that.

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Ping-pong precision: Ford gets ball rolling

Measuring space. Company believes table tennis spheres give them edge in sizing compartments

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You may think of ping-pong balls as being strictly for games. But at Ford, the company has found a new use for them: As measuring devices in storage compartments.

"A few years ago, we were trying to come up with a good way to measure some of our vehicles," says Sejal Shreffler, Ford Accommodation and Usage Engineer, based in Dearborn, Michigan. "We were brainstorming to come up with alternatives, and someone suggested ping-pong balls, so we tried it. It was a good way to measure some of the odd-shaped storage in vehicles."

The company was using measuring tapes, taking the length and width to figure out

volume, but many storage compartments have odd shapes. As a result, two people could measure the same compartment but come up with different numbers.

To use the ping-pong balls, the engineers developed a cubic measurement for each ball that also accounted for the space in between them. By using this measurement over the number of ping-pong balls that fit into a storage compartment, they come up with an accurate total volume of the area.

"We've done some work in measuring it in 3D environments and using the ping-pong balls, we're able to get really accurate results," Shreffler says. "We do measure our own vehicles, but primarily, we put them in competitors' vehicles to get an understanding of how big some of their storage compartments are, so we can do better benchmarking."

For smaller storage spaces, the company uses computer-aided design (CAD), or even a measuring tape, but the ping-pong balls have proven to be one of the easiest and most accurate methods for larger ones.

Other areas

- **Gulp.** As cup sizes increase, so do cupholder sizes, although Ford admits that "there is a limit" on the largest sizes that can be accommodated.
- **Lighting up.** Although they're not found in Canadian vehicles anymore, the company still designs ashtrays into its vehicles for some global markets.

Storage compartments are very important to buyers, and like most companies, Ford identifies the top items that people bring into the vehicle and design the vehicle's console and other storage areas so they will be handy for the driver.

"Cell phones are the big thing," Shreffler says. "When I first started here, we never considered anything like that, but now everyone has some sort of cell phone or smart phone. Now there are a lot of electronic devices that we didn't consider before, but we have to now, such as iPads."

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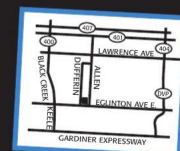
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Imagine this: You are a 20-something mechanic, looking for a full time job in today's sputtering job market. You spend weeks — even months — trying to find a full time job with hopes of moving out of your parent's house. Then, the Ontario government decides to create a special tax for skilled tradespeople like you.

So, instead of paying the government \$60 for three years to maintain your certificate that allows you to work in a given trade, you'll soon be forced to pay hundreds of dollars more per year! Not exactly a sign of encouragement from your government.

Sadly, this will soon be the case if the Ontario College of Trades has its way. If you haven't heard about the College of Trades, you are not alone. It came to our surprise that the newly created College of Trades is planning on implementing a "trades tax" on those in the skilled trades and those who hire them. The College of Trades isn't a training facility. Rather, it's a regulatory bureaucracy that will soon slap apprentices, tradespeople and employers with a new tax that could add up to \$84 million per year.

Our friends at the

Ontario Construction Employers Coalition have been active in fighting this new trades tax. They have created a website called stopthetradestax.ca that tells you about the trades tax, allows you to sign their petition and encourages you to write your MPP and local media. I recommend you to visit the website and take action to stop this expensive and unnecessary bureaucracy.

Ontario already has a Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities that, according to its website, "ensures Ontario has an excellent higher education and training system that gives people a high-quality education and a solid foundation of relevant skills and training" and is responsible for "providing apprenticeship training and services to ensure Ontario has the

skills to compete and succeed."

The College is just another layer of bureaucracy tasked with doing something another government agency already does. Not a good use of scarce tax dollars if you ask me — especially since the ministry already has an annual budget of over \$7.5 billion dollars.

Ontario's Ministry of Finance predicts there will be over one million skilled job vacancies by 2021.

Common sense suggests that policies should be implemented to entice young people to enter the skilled trades — not put up financial barriers to enter the workforce.

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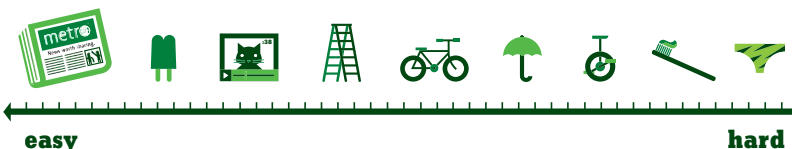
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may want to give up on something that does not seem to be working out, but don't be too hasty. A few days from now, you will get an idea as to how you can further develop it. Stick with it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Something seems to be holding you back from fully expressing yourself. Whatever that something is, you need to identify it and deal with it because your voice is going to be needed towards the end of the week.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The more others try to tell you there is nothing to worry about, the more the alarm bells in your head start to ring. Are you being overly dramatic? No you are not. Be on your guard over the next 24 hours.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may find this hard to believe but what happens today will sweep away your fears and before you know it, the world will be a brighter, happier place — for you at least. This is still very much your time of year.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

By all means, listen to what other people try to tell you today. But when it comes to acting on what they say, you must be cautious. There is a small but worrying possibility that you are being lied to.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is no point giving into feelings of self-pity because they won't get you anywhere. A positive mental attitude is a must today, and for the rest of the week. You won't get much done without it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It may now be apparent that someone who acts like a friend is in fact plotting against you but there is no need to get excited about it. What have they so far achieved? Nothing. And that's how it will stay.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It is too late to change the outcome of a certain situation, and the sooner you realize that, the better. Don't waste time and energy trying to reverse what has already happened. Unless you own a time machine, it won't work.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may be able to see where a friend or family member is going wrong but it's unlikely they will be happy if you point it out to them. Do so anyway, so your conscience is clear. After that, it's up to them.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may have to make some kind of sacrifice today but if you do so willingly, it is guaranteed that you will gain in other ways before the end of the week. Don't forget: A good heart is also good business.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

It may seem as if nothing is going right but don't let it get to you. Take each moment as it comes and focus on one task at a time. You'll get at least one good thing done by the end of the day.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You would no doubt admit that you have gone along with other people's suggestions a bit too much in recent weeks. Now you must resolve only to do what feels right to you. It's your life after all.
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Canadian Crossword

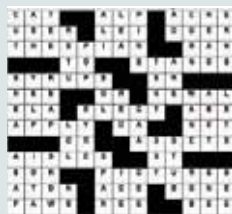
Across

1. Children's character: Sponge —
4. — Humbug!
7. Apex
11. Soon
13. Lager
14. Movie starring a pet pig
15. Theme park transport
17. New home construction site
18. Regarding (abbr.)
19. Locales
22. Spread
26. South American Sloth
27. Everything
28. Concerning (abbr.)
30. Idleness
34. Winter malady
35. Battlestar Galactica actor: Edward James —
37. Old time actress West
38. Florida city
40. "— Mice and Men"
41. Parseghian of Notre Dame
42. Exclamation of surprise
43. Bouquet
46. Rank
50. Sheriff on The Waltons
51. Paving material
52. Peak
58. Aglow
60. — You Afraid of the Dark?
61. Healthy soil
62. Fall colours
63. Turner or Danson
64. Speck

Down

1. Emeril's favourite expression
2. Yoko —
3. Rocker Jon — Jovi
4. Barnyard sound
5. "Love Story" actress MacGraw
6. Aid
7. Blood type

Yesterday's Crossword



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Yesterday's Sudoku

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2	9	6	8	3	4	5	1	7
5	1	7	2	6	9	4	3	8
3	6	9	4	8	1	7	2	5
4	8	2	5	7	3	1	6	9
6	2	8	3	4	5	9	7	1
7	3	1	6	9	8	2	5	4
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